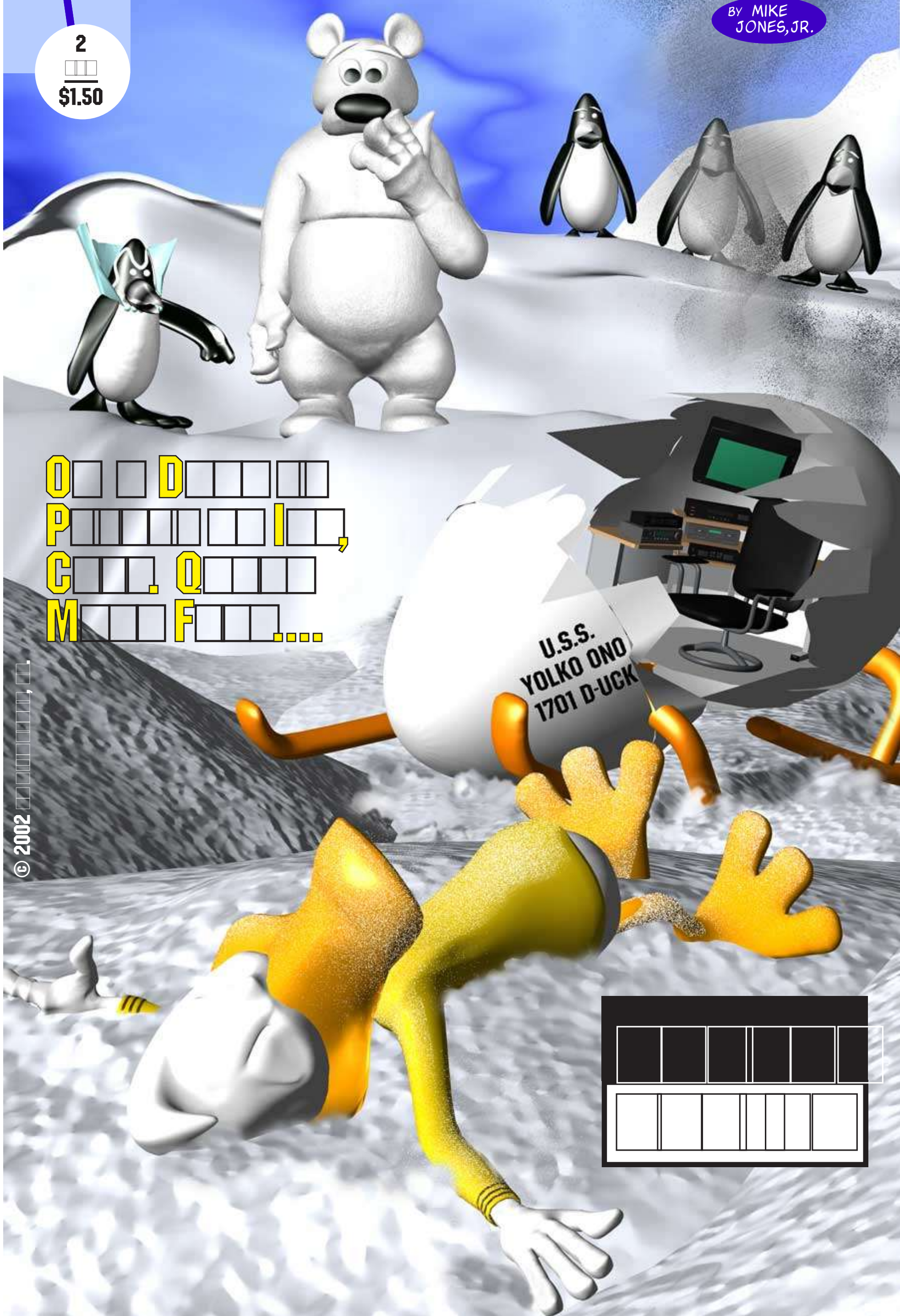




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SPACE....
THE AVIAN
FRONTIER....

THESE ARE THE
VOYAGES OF THE
DUCKSHIP
ENTERFOWL....

HER SEASONAL
MISSION; TO
EXPLORE STRANGE
NEW WETLANDS....

TO *SEEK OUT*
NEW MARSHES
AND NEW
HABITATIONS...

TO BOLDLY WADDLE WHERE NO DUCK HAS WADDLED BEFORE!



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"JUST AS I *SUSPECTED*...."



LORD EBON!
WHAT *IS* IT?

WHAT WE'VE DREADED
FOR *MILLENIA*, IVOR!

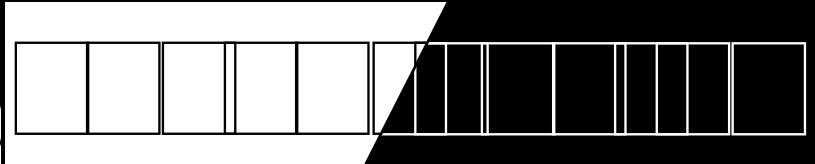


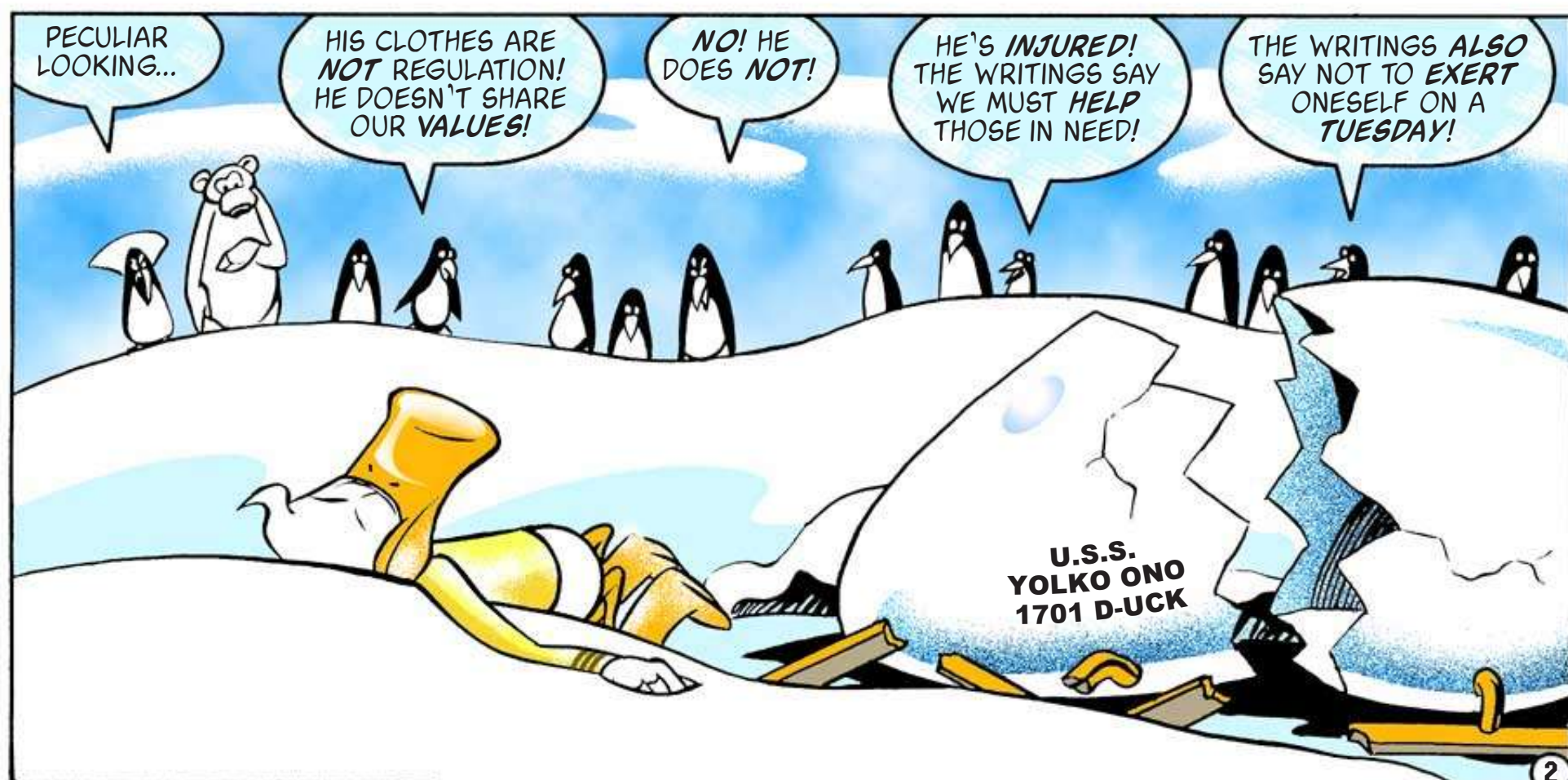
VISITORS FROM
ANOTHER *WORLD*!

GASP!



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IT *IS* TUESDAY, ISN'T IT?

WE'LL JUST HAVE TO LEAVE HIM.



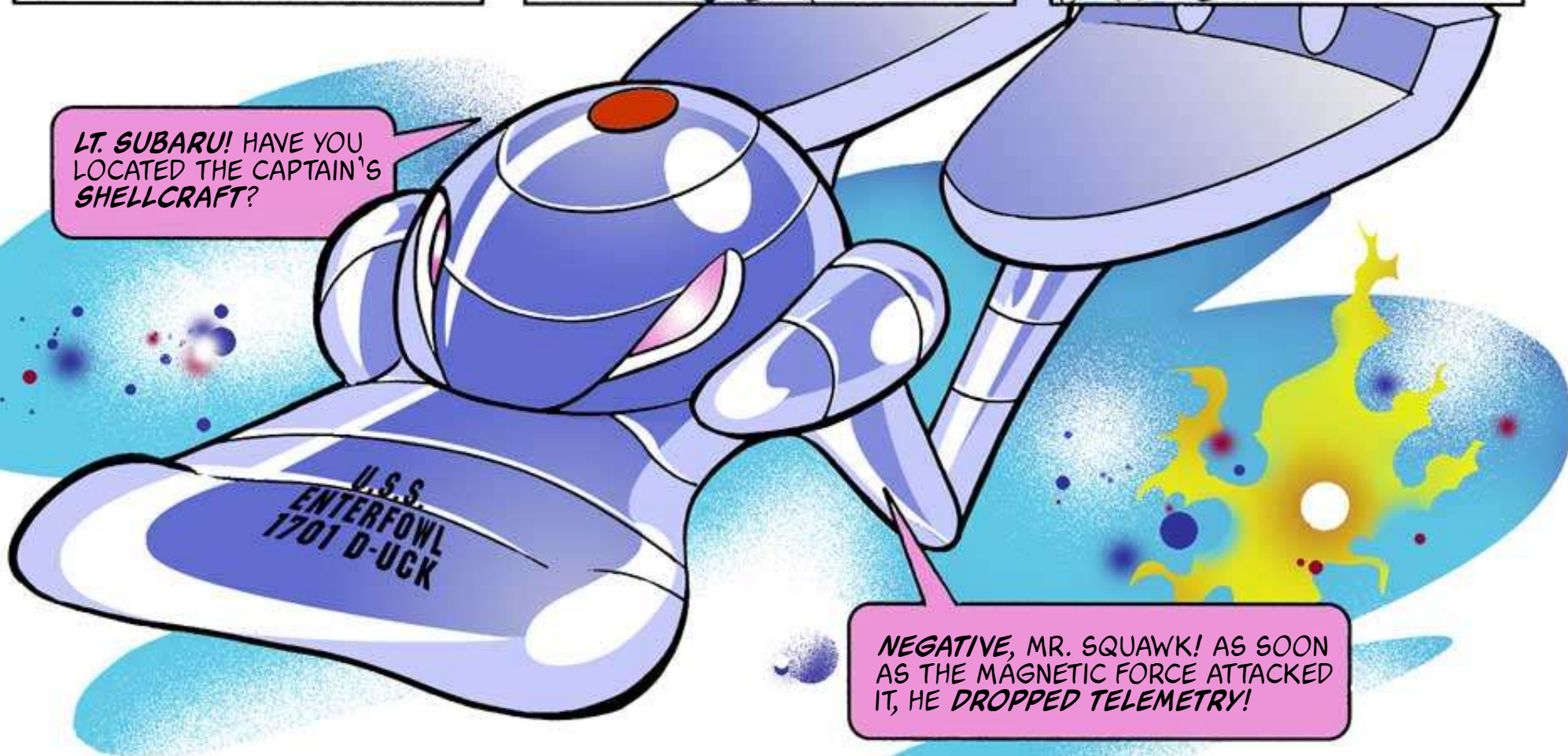
BUT WHAT IF **S.H.A.D.O.** FINDS HIM?

THEY CAN HAVE HIM! HE ISN'T BREAKING ANY OF *THEIR* RULES!



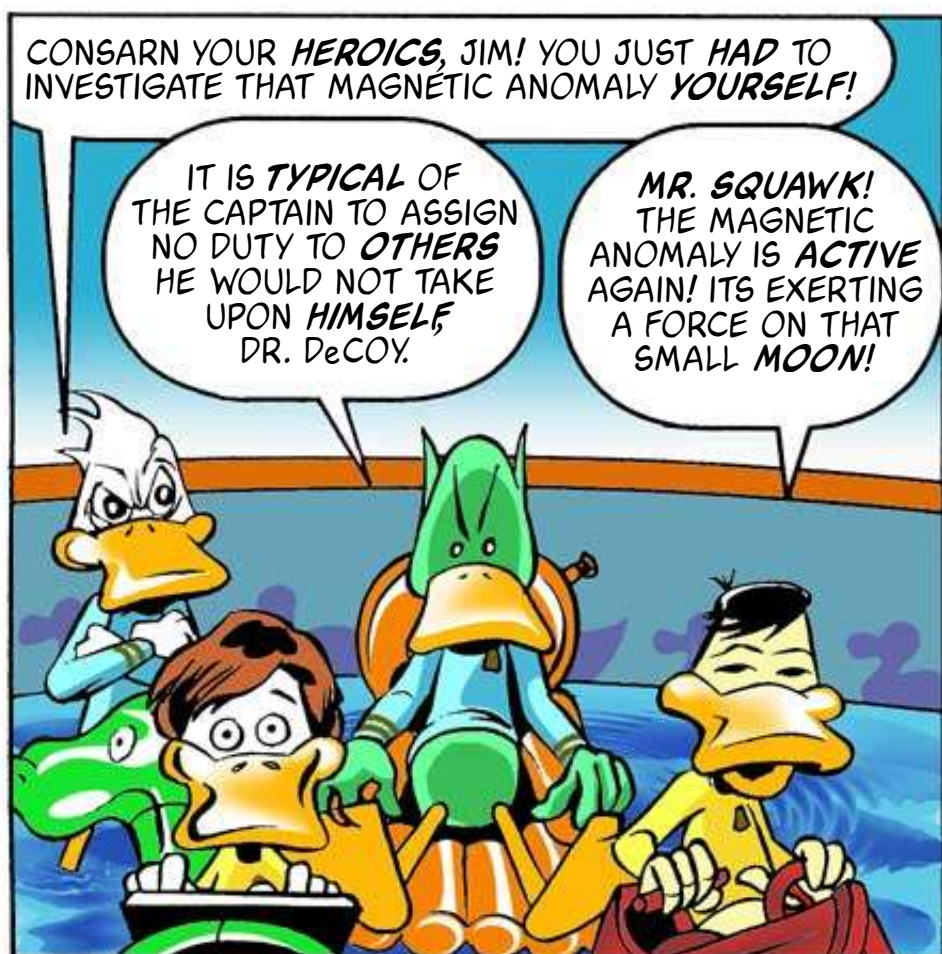
HA! HA! NO!

NO! HE *COULDN'T* BE! HA! HA!



LT. SUBARU! HAVE YOU LOCATED THE CAPTAIN'S **SHELLCRAFT**?

NEGATIVE, MR. SQUAWK! AS SOON AS THE MAGNETIC FORCE ATTACKED IT, HE **DROPPED TELEMETRY!**



CONSARN YOUR *HEROICS*, JIM! YOU JUST *HAD* TO INVESTIGATE THAT MAGNETIC ANOMALY *YOURSELF!*

IT IS *TYPICAL* OF THE CAPTAIN TO ASSIGN NO DUTY TO *OTHERS* HE WOULD NOT TAKE UPON *HIMSELF*, DR. DeCOY.

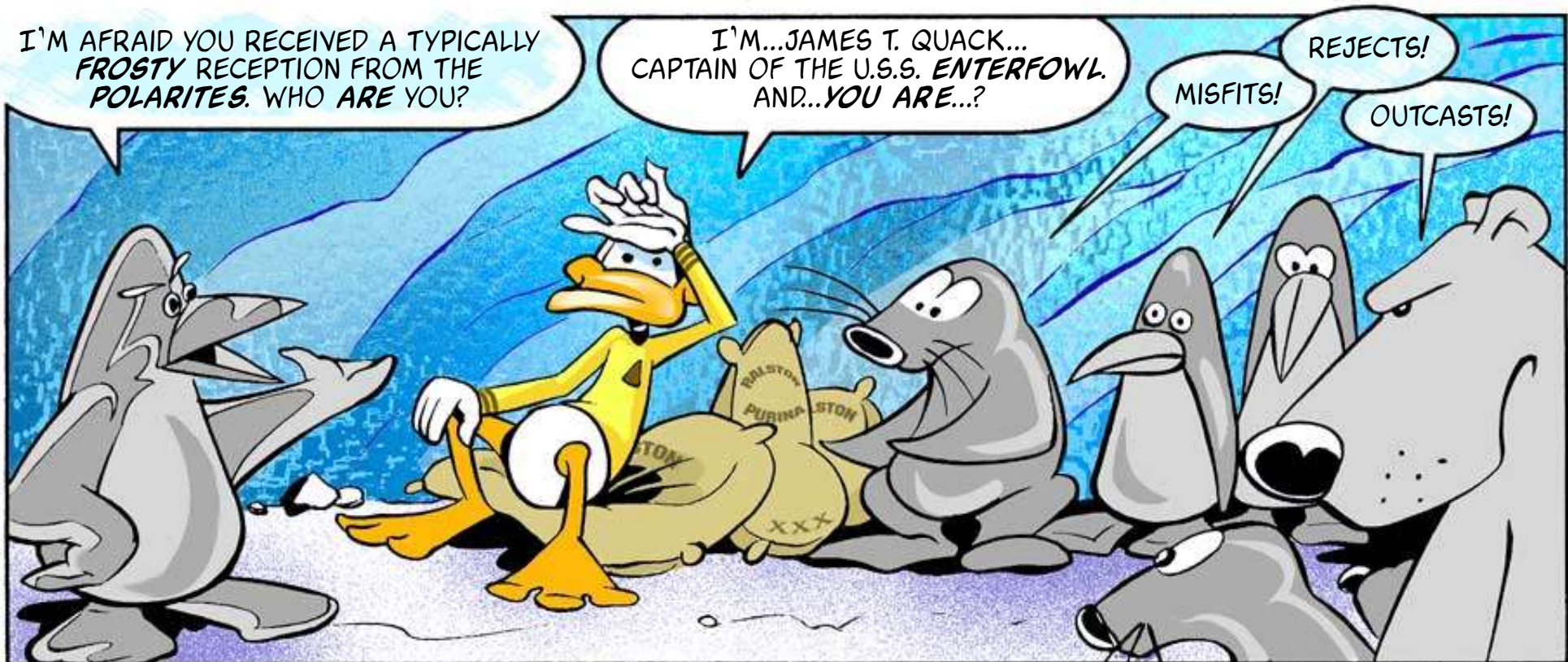
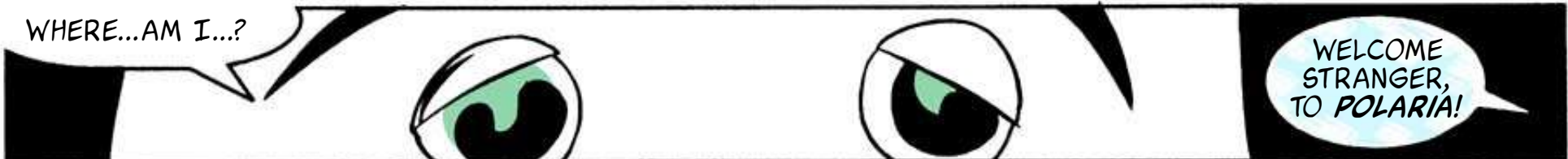
MR. SQUAWK! THE MAGNETIC ANOMALY IS *ACTIVE* AGAIN! ITS EXERTING A FORCE ON THAT SMALL *MOON!*

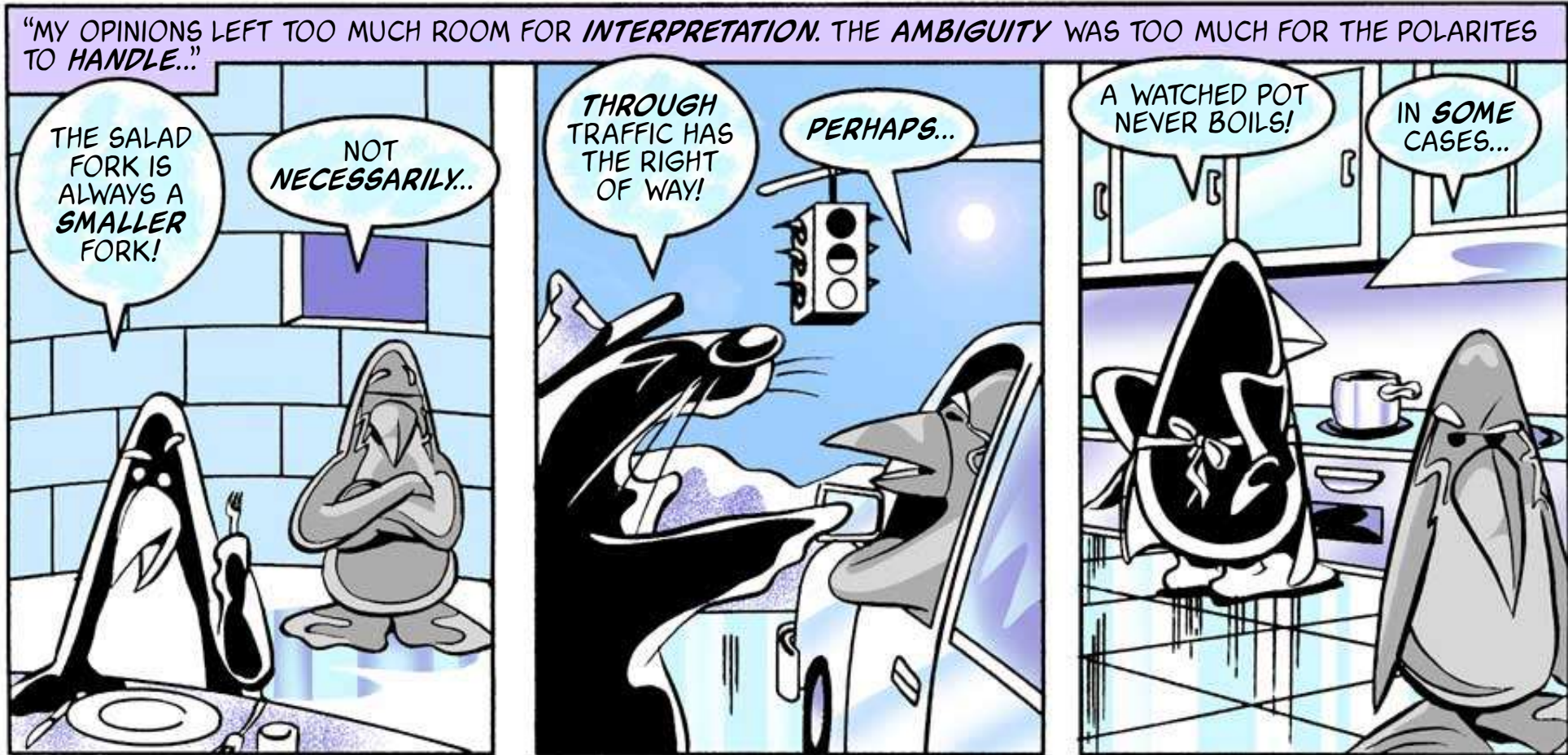
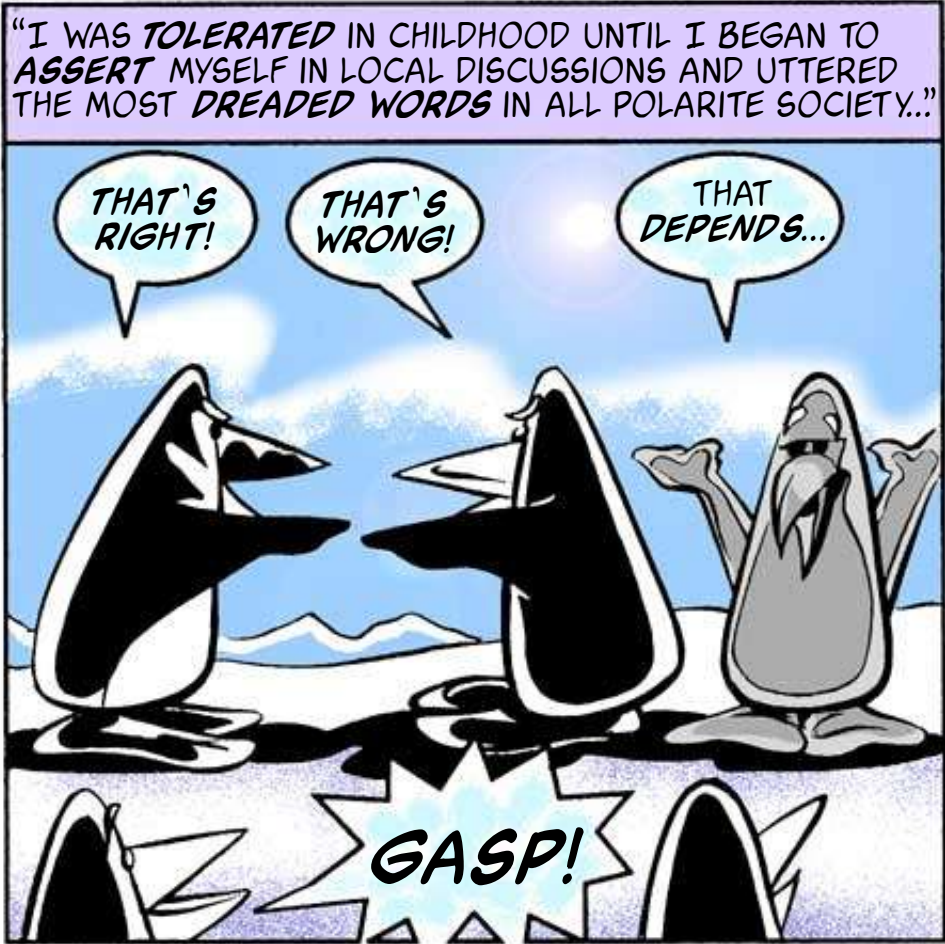
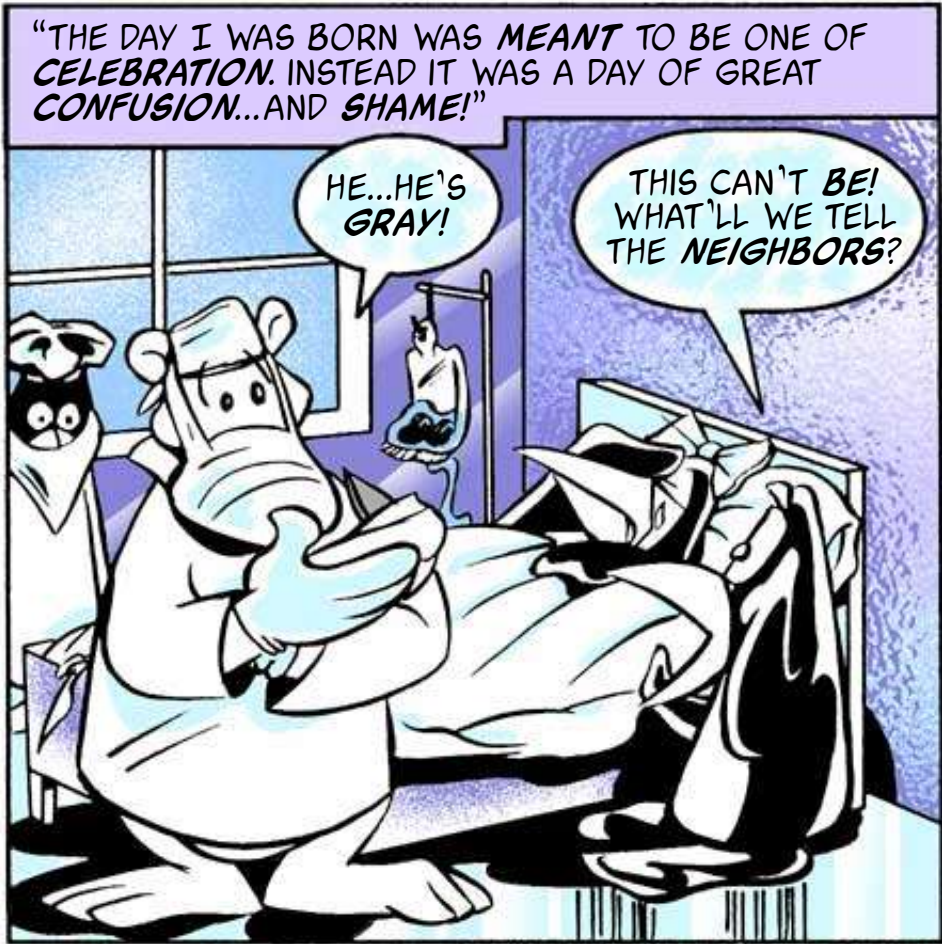


CAN YOU TRIANGULATE ITS *ORIGIN* POINT?

YES SIR! ITS COMING FROM THAT *PLANET* THE MOON ORBITS!

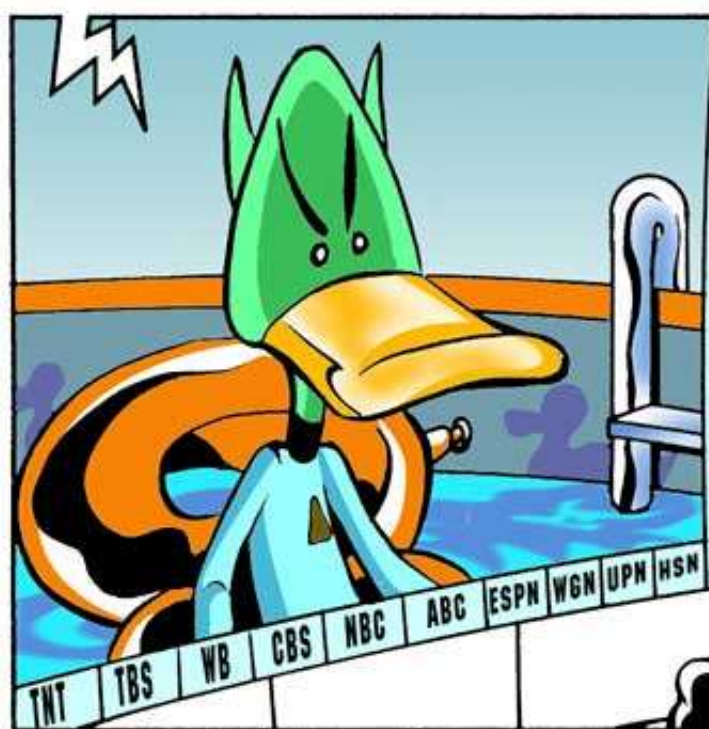
THEN SET A *COURSE*, MR. SUBARU. AHEAD WADDLEFACTOR *SIX!*







GREETINGS. I AM COMMANDER *SQUAWK* OF THE U.S.S. *ENTERFOWL*. WE ARE SEEKING OUR *CAPTAIN* WHOSE SHELLCRAFT WE BELIEVE HAS CRASH LANDED HERE. WE RESPECTFULLY REQUEST PERMISSION TO *SEARCH* FOR HIM.



I AM LORD EBON OF *POLARIA*. IT IS AGAINST OUR *RULES* TO ALLOW ALIENS TO LAND. I'M AFRAID WE CAN'T *HELP* YOU!



THEN YOU MUST ALSO *KNOW*, LORD EBON, THAT YOUR PEOPLE FACE GRAVE *DANGER*. YOUR *MOON* IS BEING ARTIFICIALLY MANEUVERED OUT OF ITS PROPER *ORBIT*, APPARENTLY TO CREATE A *SOLAR ECLIPSE*!



WE BELIEVE THIS *SAME* MAGNETIC FORCE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR MAROONING OUR *CAPTAIN*.



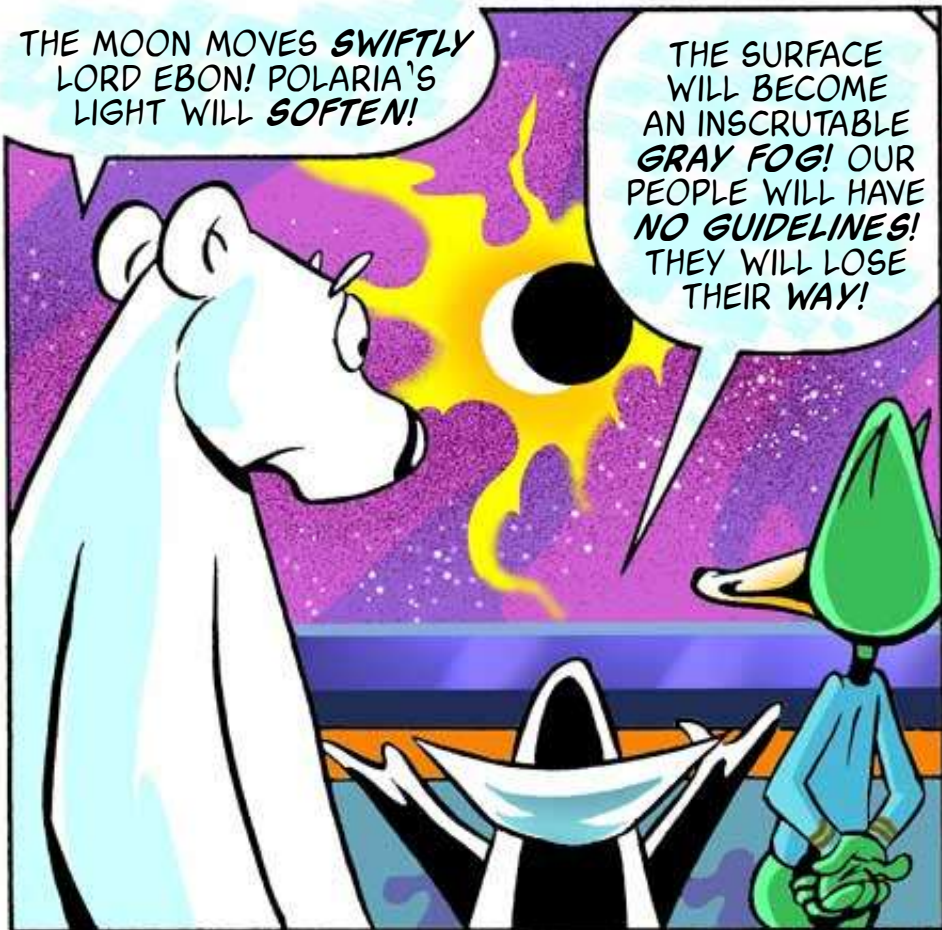
VERY WELL. WE WILL HELP. BUT WE MUST DISCUSS TERMS ABOARD YOUR *VESSEL*. YOU ARE *NOT PERMITTED* TO COME DOWN!





THE MOON MOVES **SWIFTLY** LORD EBON! POLARIA'S LIGHT WILL **SOFTEN!**

THE SURFACE WILL BECOME AN INSCRUTABLE **GRAY FOG!** OUR PEOPLE WILL HAVE **NO GUIDELINES!** THEY WILL LOSE THEIR WAY!



ALL OUR VALUES! OUR **STABILITY!** ALL THAT WE HOLD DEAR IS **DISAPPEARING!** WHAT CAN WE **DO???**

ALLOW US TO STEAM DOWN AND STOP THE MAGNETISM AT ITS **SOURCE!**

NO! THERE MUST BE ANOTHER WAY!!!

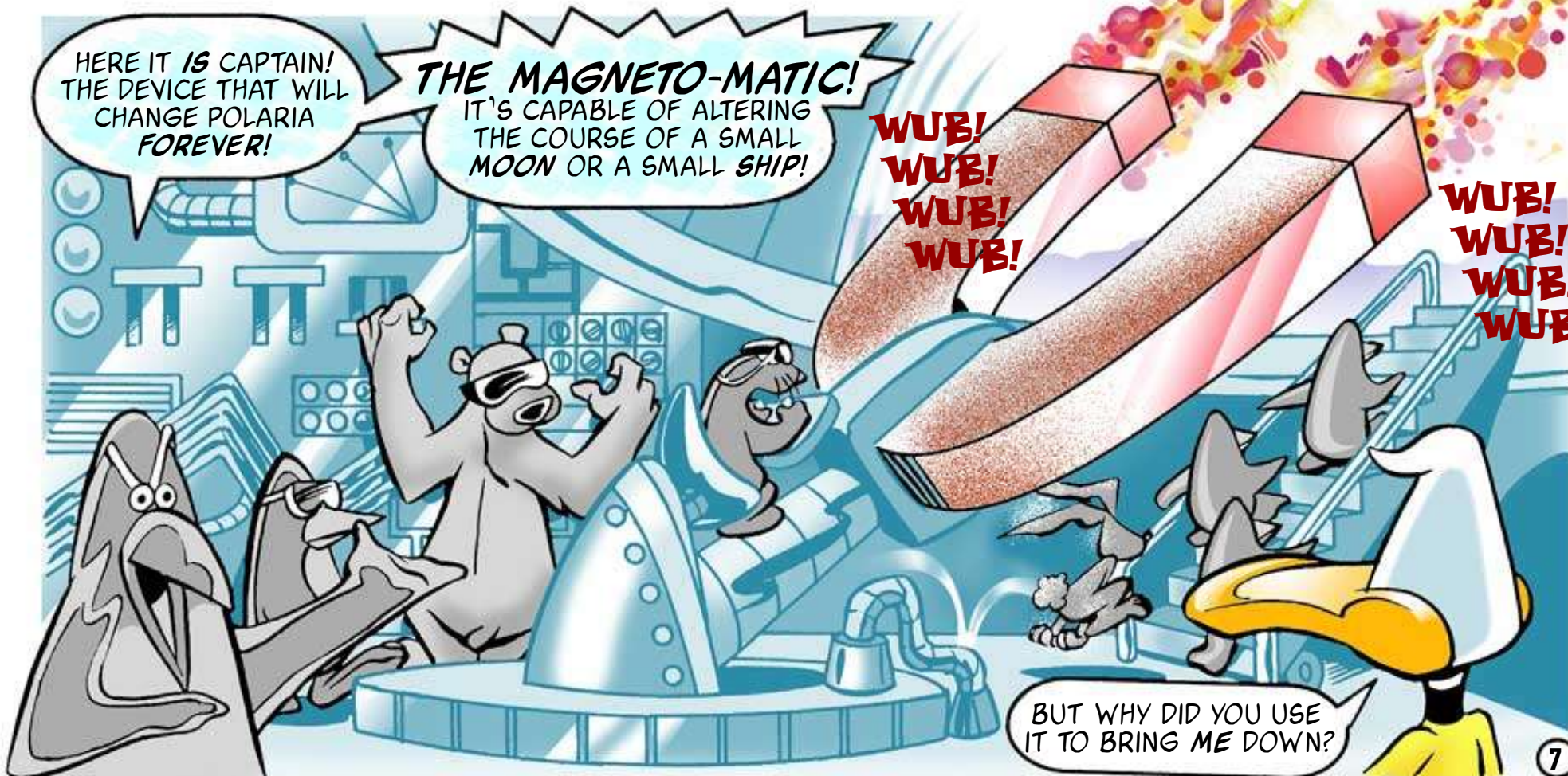


HERE IT **IS** CAPTAIN! THE DEVICE THAT WILL CHANGE POLARIA **FOREVER!**

THE MAGNETO-MATIC! IT'S CAPABLE OF ALTERING THE COURSE OF A SMALL MOON OR A SMALL SHIP!


**WUB!
WUB!
WUB!
WUB!**

**WUB!
WUB!
WUB!
WUB!**



PERHAPS IT WAS A TEST. OR A DIVERSION. OR MAYBE IT WAS TO PREVENT YOUR *INTERFERENCE*. IT MIGHT EVEN HAVE BEEN A CLEVER SCHEME TO INFEST THE POLARITES WITH OUTSIDERS' *IDEAS* AND INSURE THEIR CULTURAL *CONTAMINATION*!

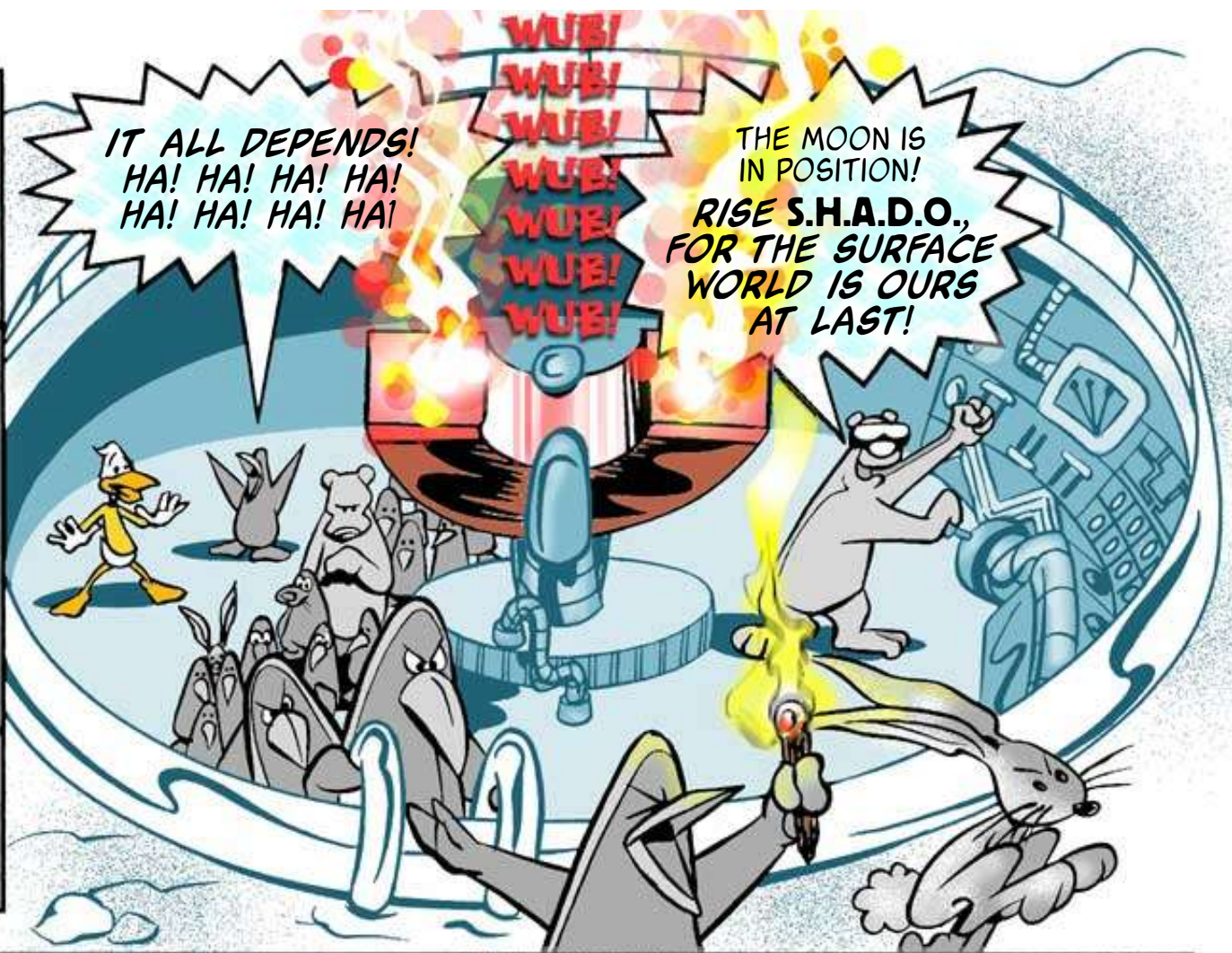
THERE ARE A *HOST* OF REASONS! WHO *CAN SAY* WHICH ONE MOTIVATED ME TO PULL THAT SWITCH AND BRING YOU CRASHING DOWN?



IT ALL DEPENDS!
HA! HA! HA! HA!
HA! HA! HA! HA!

THE MOON IS IN POSITION!
**RISE S.H.A.D.O.,
FOR THE SURFACE
WORLD IS OURS
AT LAST!**

WUB!
WUB!
WUB!
WUB!
WUB!
WUB!
WUB!



EVERYTHING IS GRAY!
NOTHING IS CERTAIN!

THERE IS NO CLARITY!
NOTHING YOU CAN TRUST!

THERE ARE NO ABSOLUTES!
NO BLACK AND WHITE!

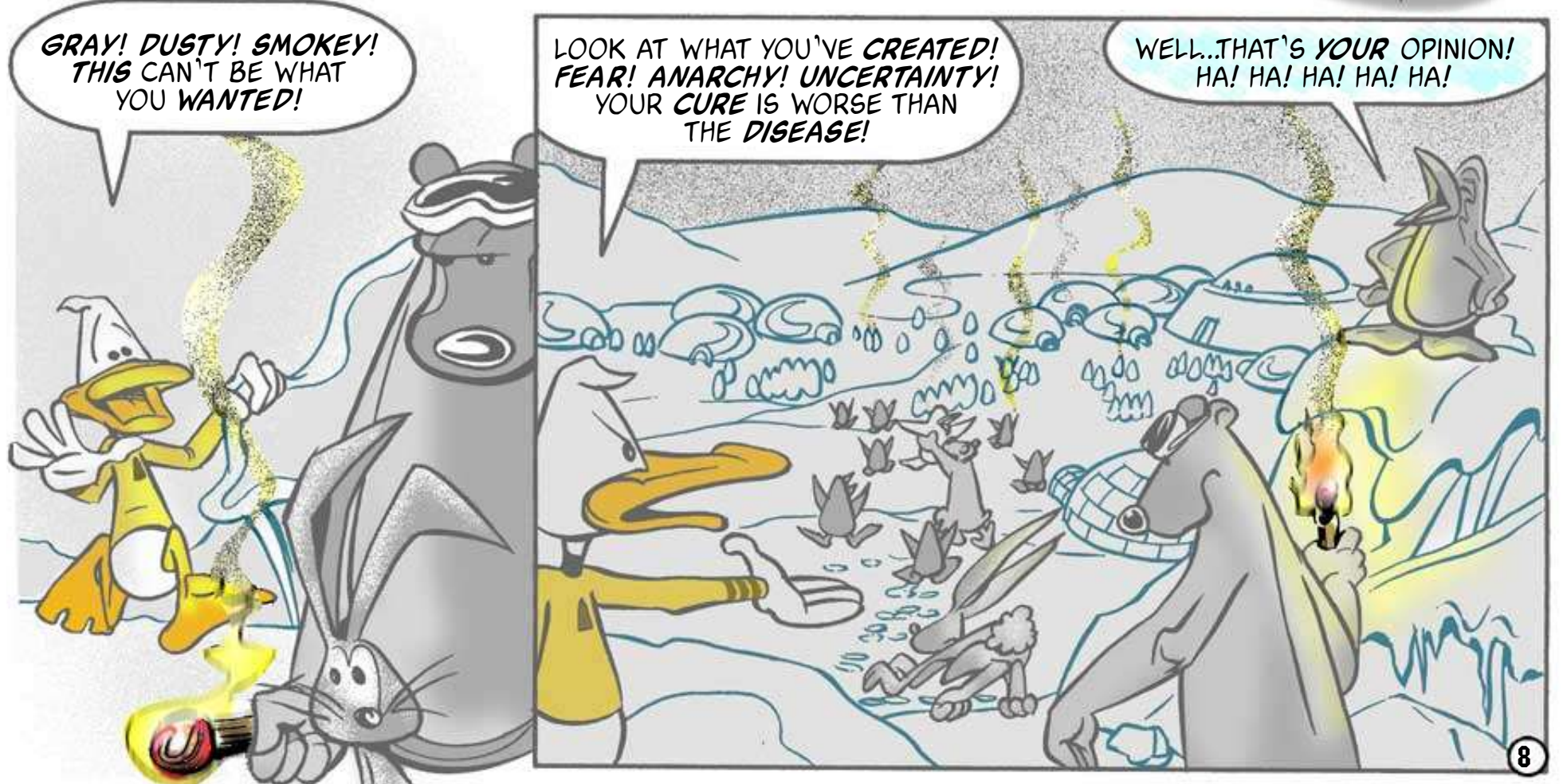
ONLY GRAY!

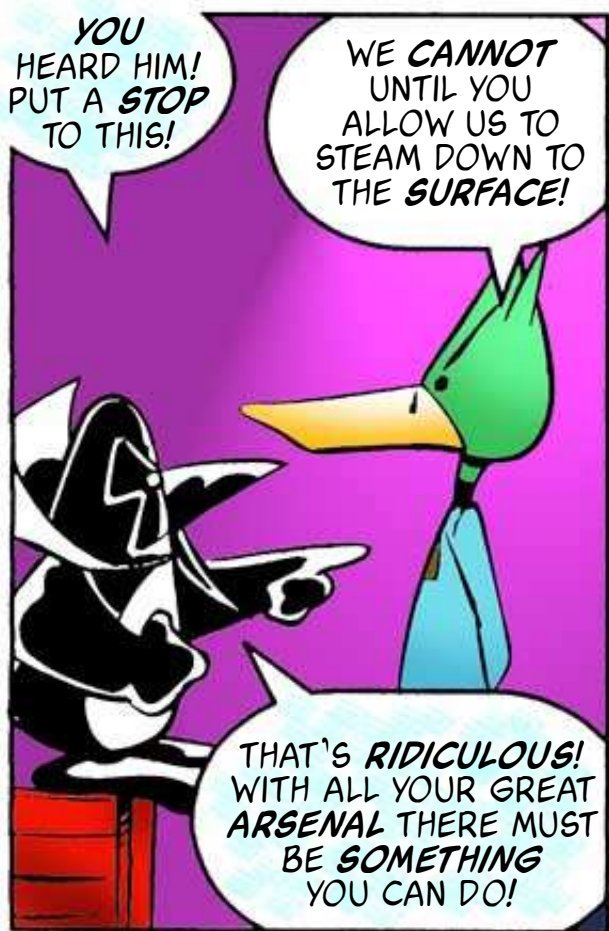


GRAY! DUSTY! SMOKEY!
THIS CAN'T BE WHAT
YOU WANTED!

LOOK AT WHAT YOU'VE *CREATED*!
FEAR! ANARCHY! UNCERTAINTY!
YOUR *CURE* IS WORSE THAN
THE *DISEASE*!

WELL...THAT'S *YOUR* OPINION!
HA! HA! HA! HA! HA!







NOW
WHAT'S
HAPPENING?

SO *BRIGHT*..
GETTING *HOT*!
CAN'T...*SEE*!

IT'S LIKE...
TWO MORE
SUNS IN
THE SKY!



BURN! BURN!
ALL IMPURITIES
MUST BURN AWAY
WITH THE FIRE OF
RIGHTEOUSNESS!



THE SHIP'S *FOG LIGHTS*
ARE ON...BUT THEY'RE
FUSION POWERED!

THEY'RE TOO *DANGEROUS* TO
SHINE ON A PLANET'S SURFACE!
SQUAWK WOULD *NEVER* USE
THEM LIKE THAT!

UNLESS...



SOMEONE *ELSE*
MUST HAVE GAINED
CONTROL OF THE
ENTERFOWL!



I'VE GOT TO
STOP THEM!



MUST...

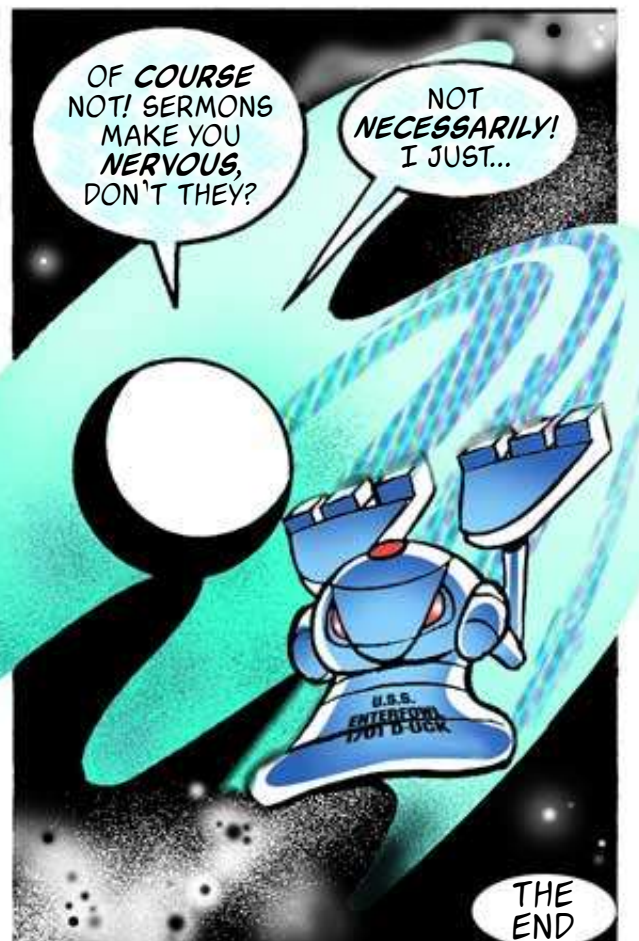
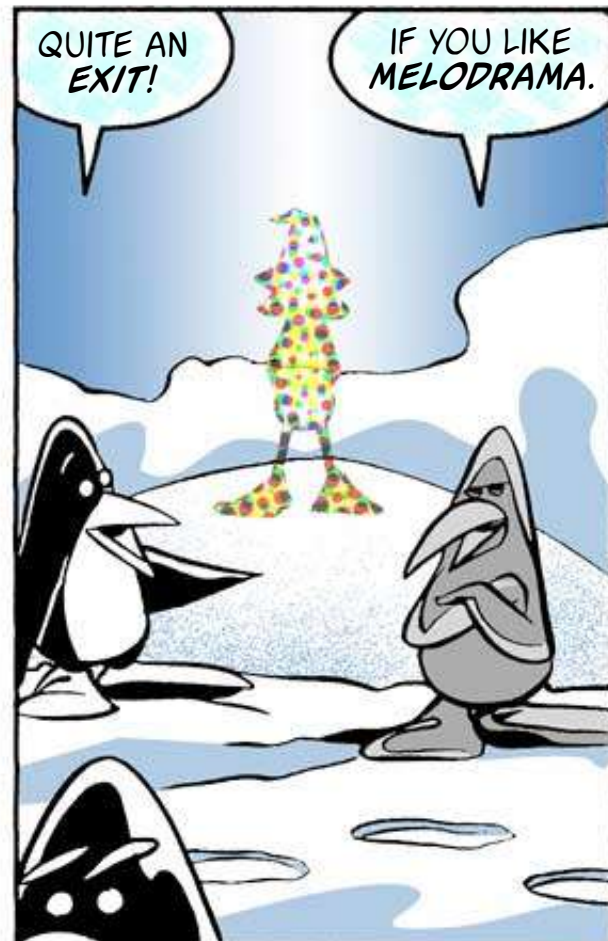
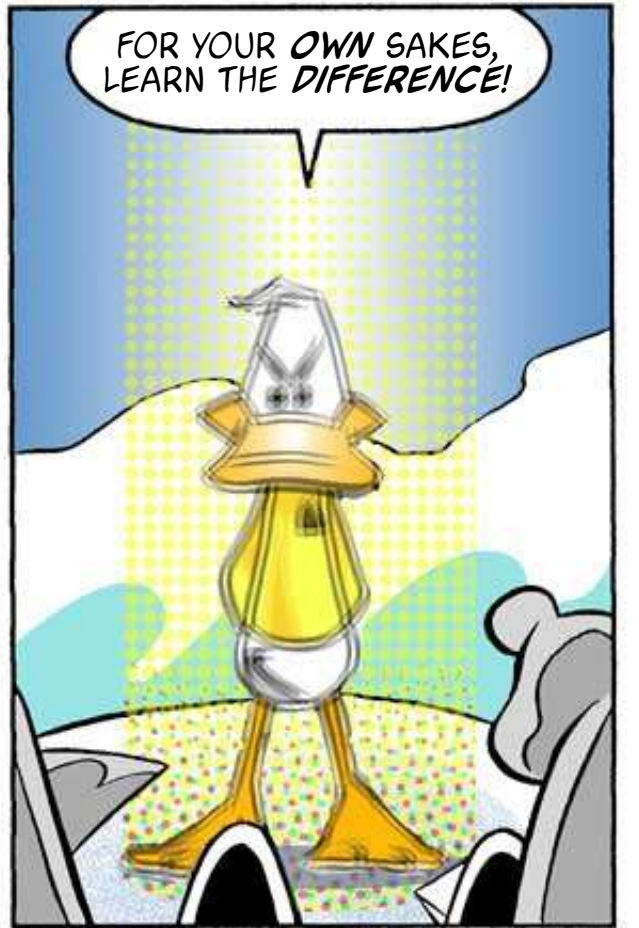


REACH...



MAGNET!





THE END

1709.2 THE ENTERFOWL IS PATROLLING FEDERATION OUTPOSTS GUARDING THE **NEUTER ZONE**, AN AREA OF SPACE SEPARATING THE MYSTERIOUS PLANET **DAFFULUS** FROM THE REST OF THE GALACTIC PRESERVE. THE ZONE WAS ESTABLISHED AFTER THE **URTH-DAFFULAN WAR** OVER A CENTURY AGO. THE MOST **REMOTE** OUTPOSTS HAVE NOT ANSWERED OUR HAILS, SO WE ARE PROCEEDING TO NEARBY OUTPOST **FOUR** TO INVESTIGATE.



MEANWHILE, *ANOTHER* DUTY OCCUPIES MY ATTENTION....

AS *SHIP CAPTAIN*, IT IS MY HAPPY PRIVILEGE TO UNITE YOU, *ANGELA SALTINE*, AND YOU, *TOM TURKEY*, IN THE CHAINS, ER, *BONDS* OF HOLY MATRIMO -

ALERT! ALERT! CAPTAIN TO THE BRIDGE! ALERT! ALERT!



QUACK HERE! WHAT IS IT? FEDERATION OUTPOST FOUR REPORTS THEY ARE UNDER ATTACK BY AN **UNKNOWN VESSEL**!

EXCUSE ME! WE'RE GETTING MARRIED HERE!!!

FULL AHEAD! ALL DECKS, **CONDITION RED**!

SORRY DEAR! DUTY CALLS!

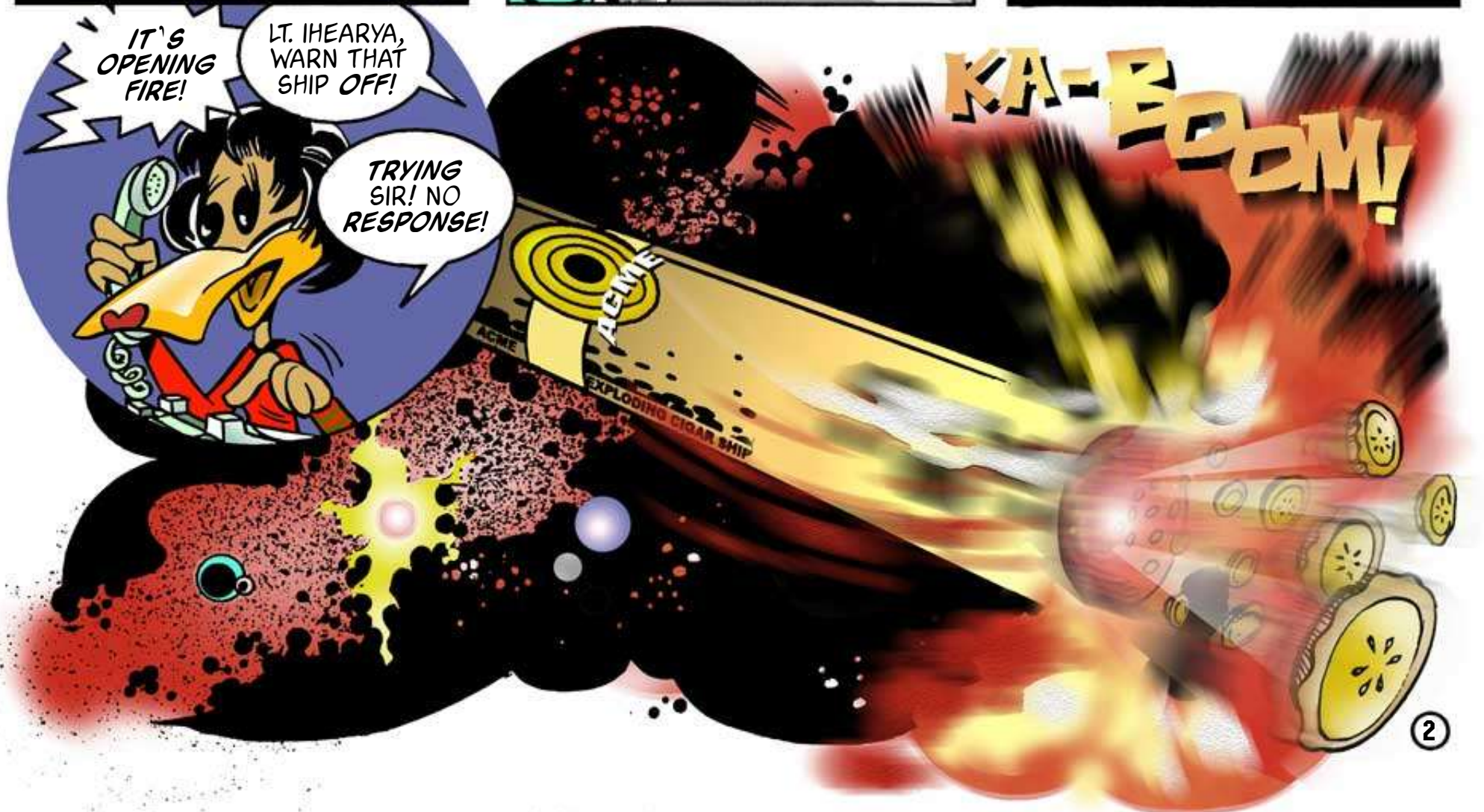
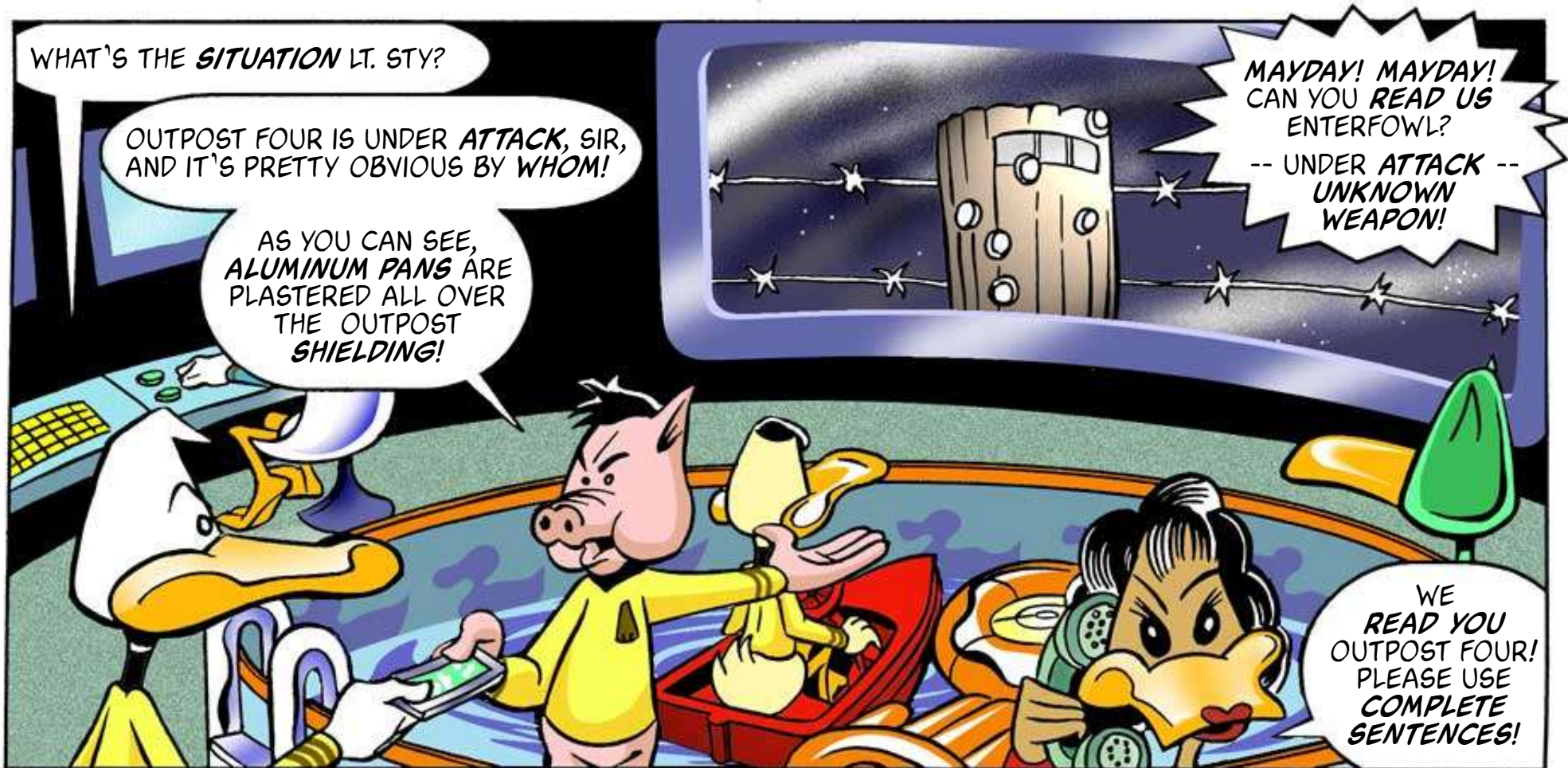
YOU COME BACK HERE! HEY! HEY!

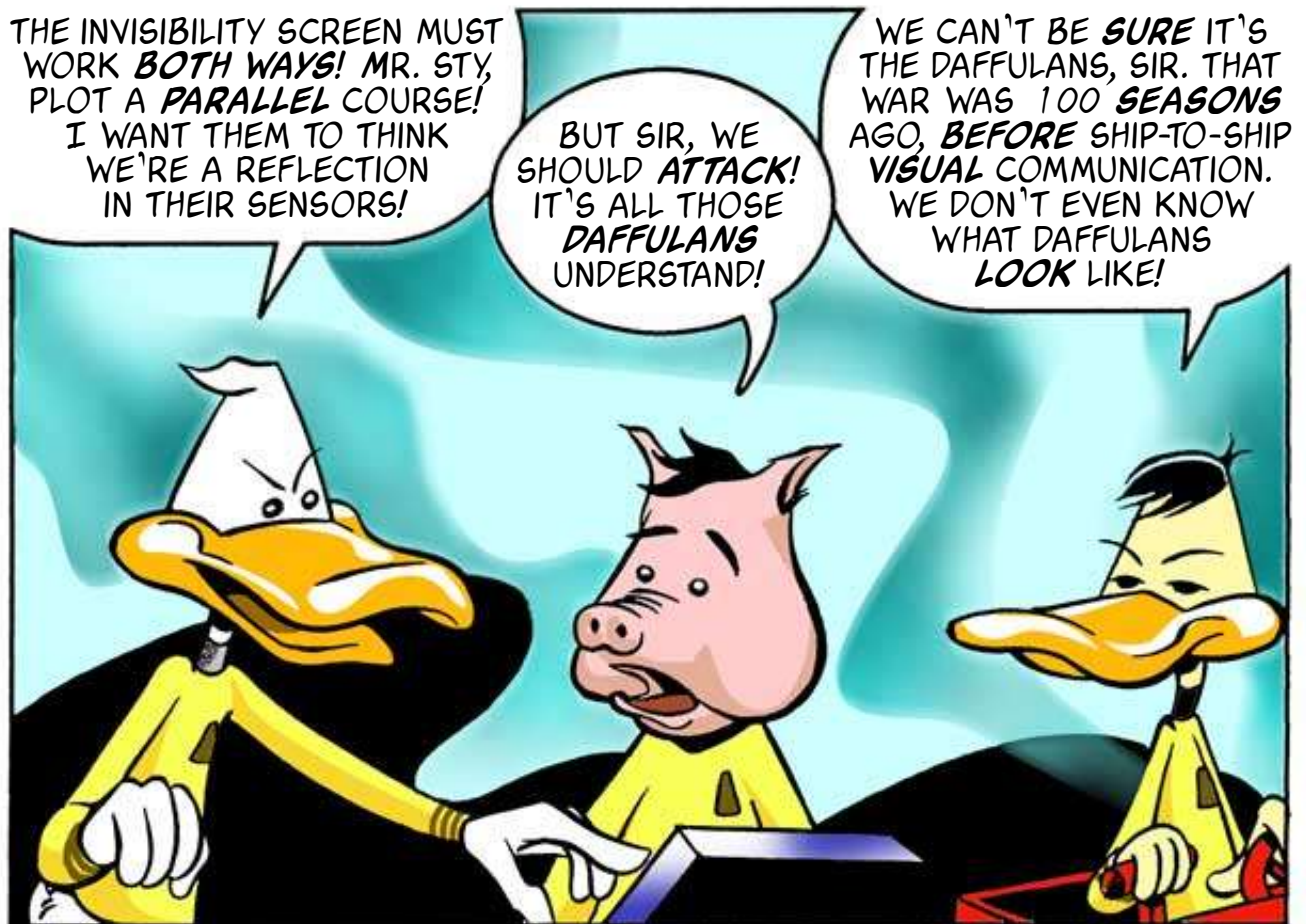
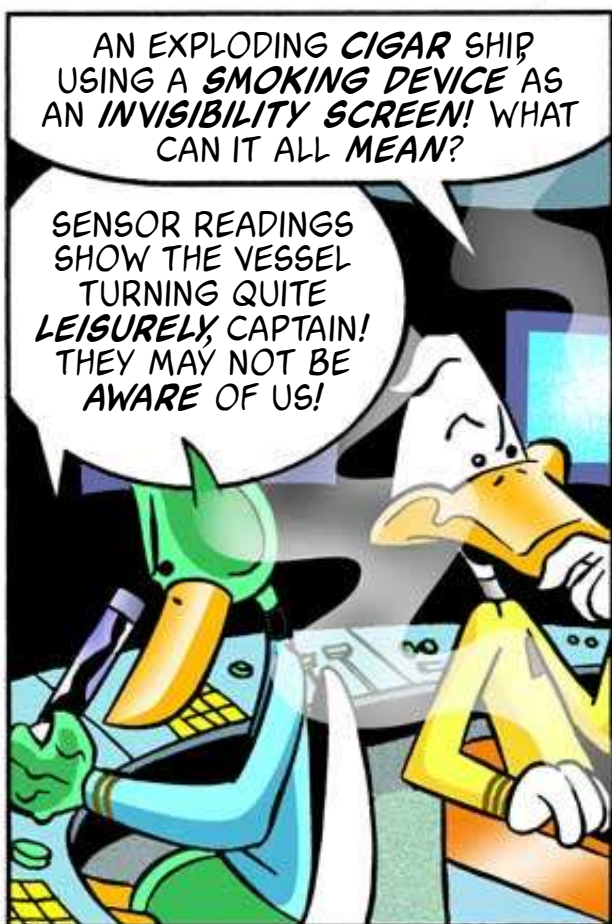
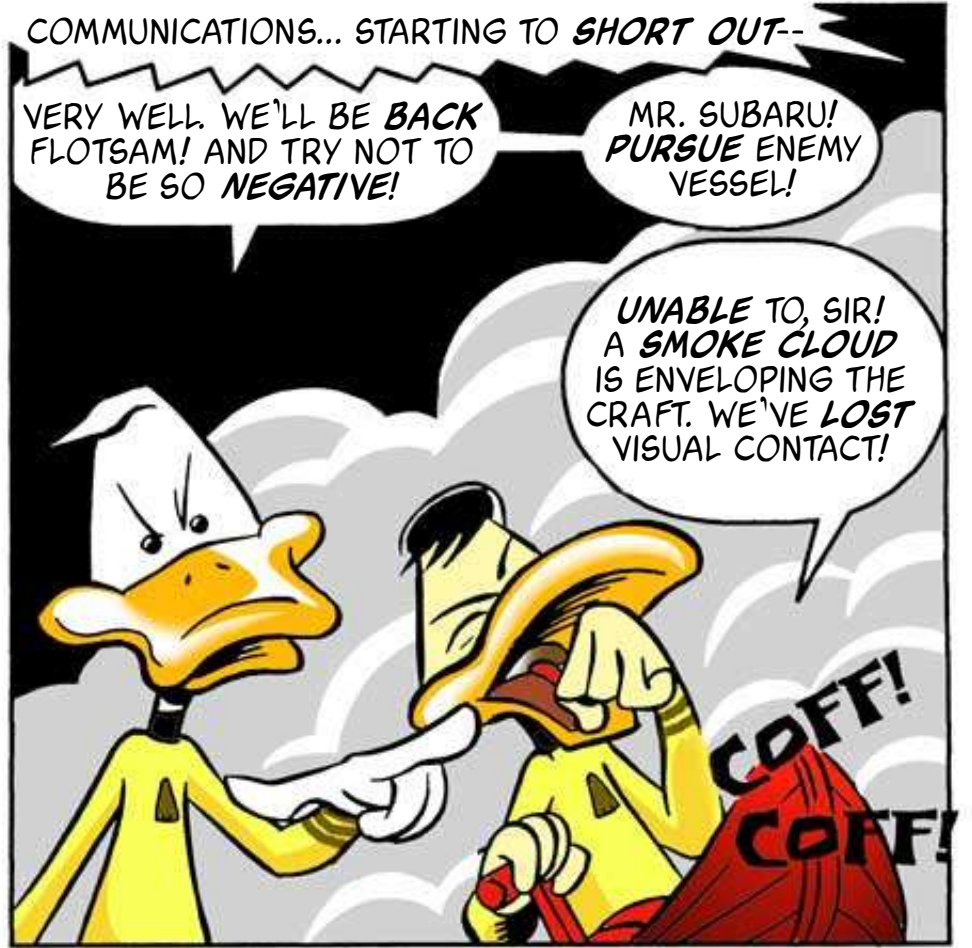
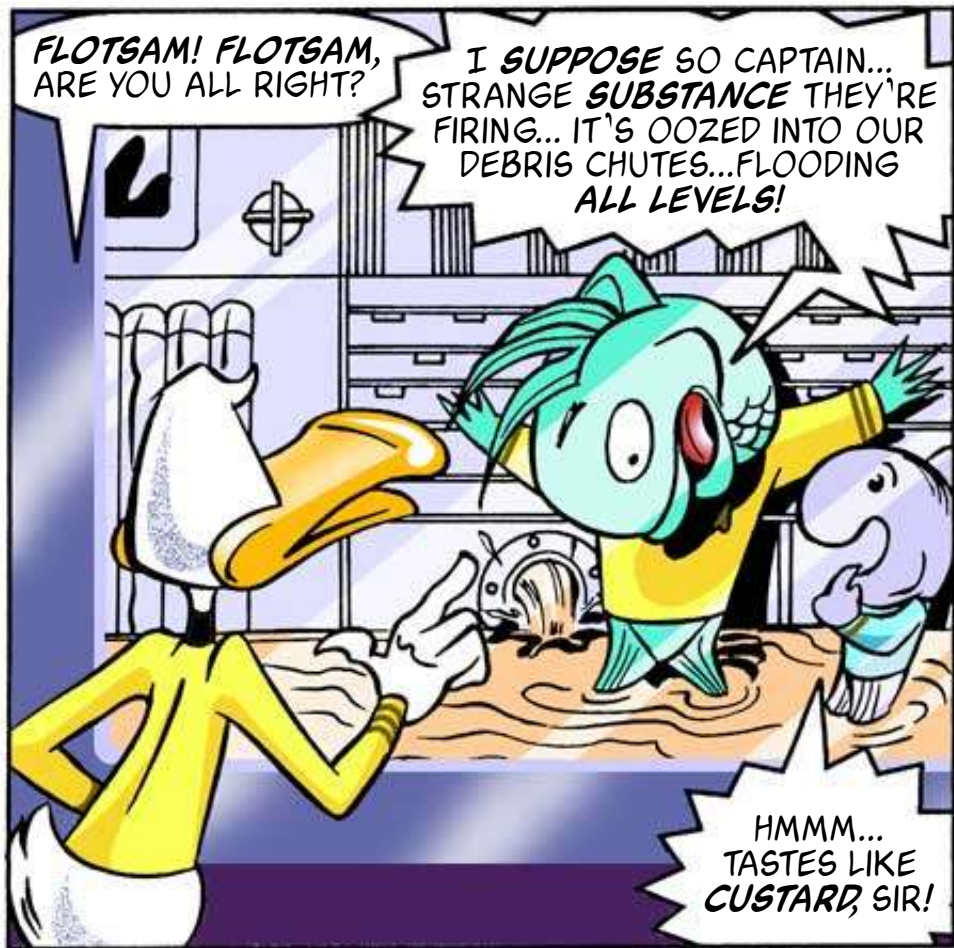


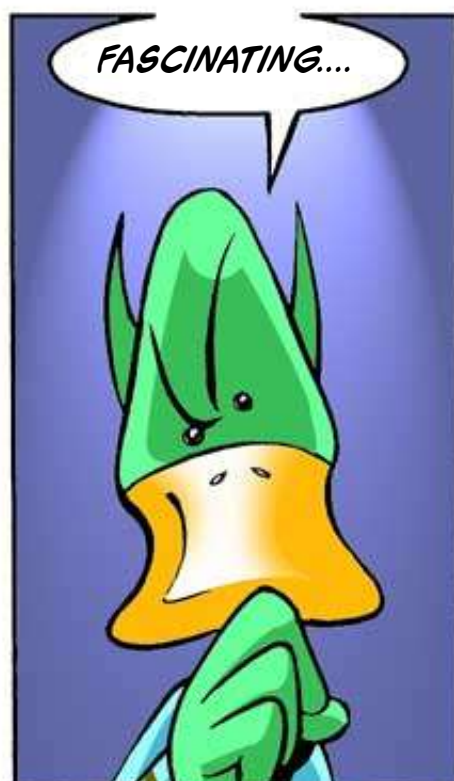
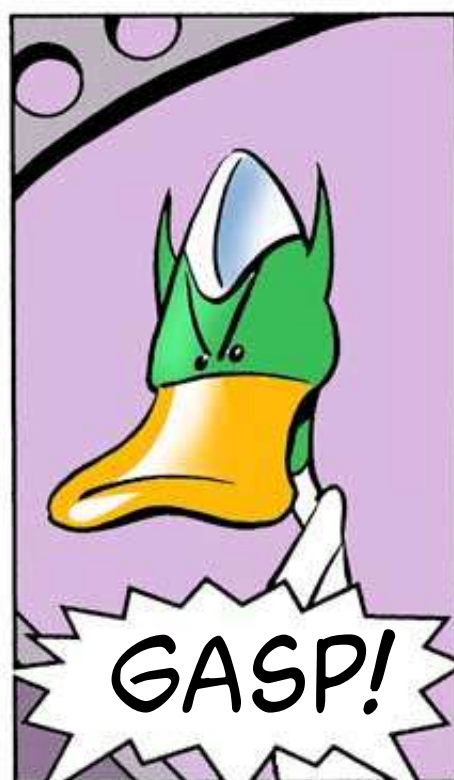
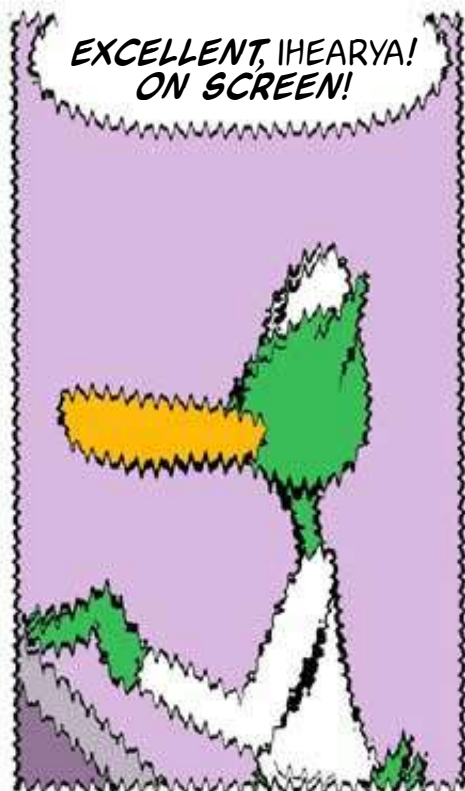
A STAR QUACK CLASSIC; A TALE WHICH SHOULD SEEM VAGUELY FAMILIAR.....

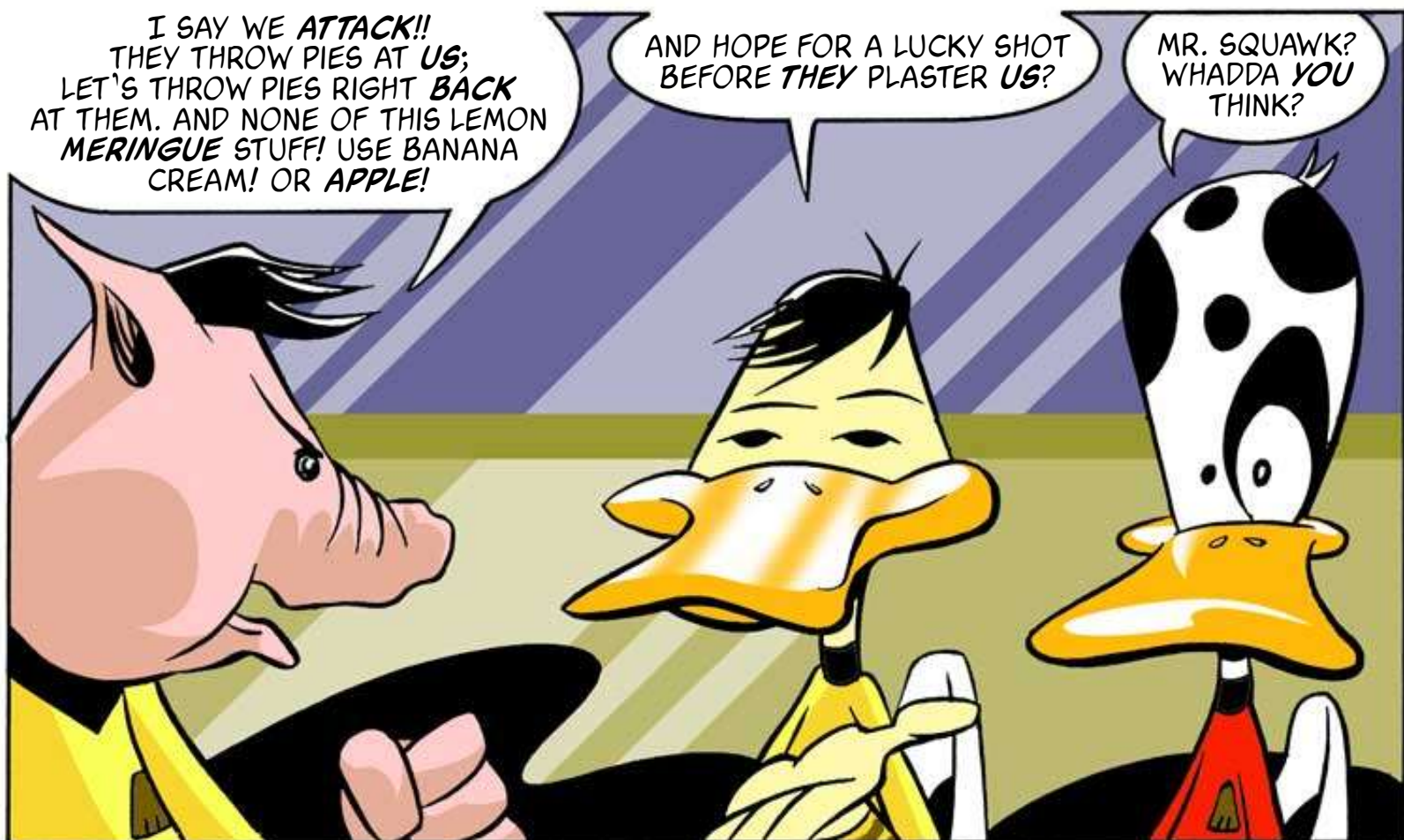
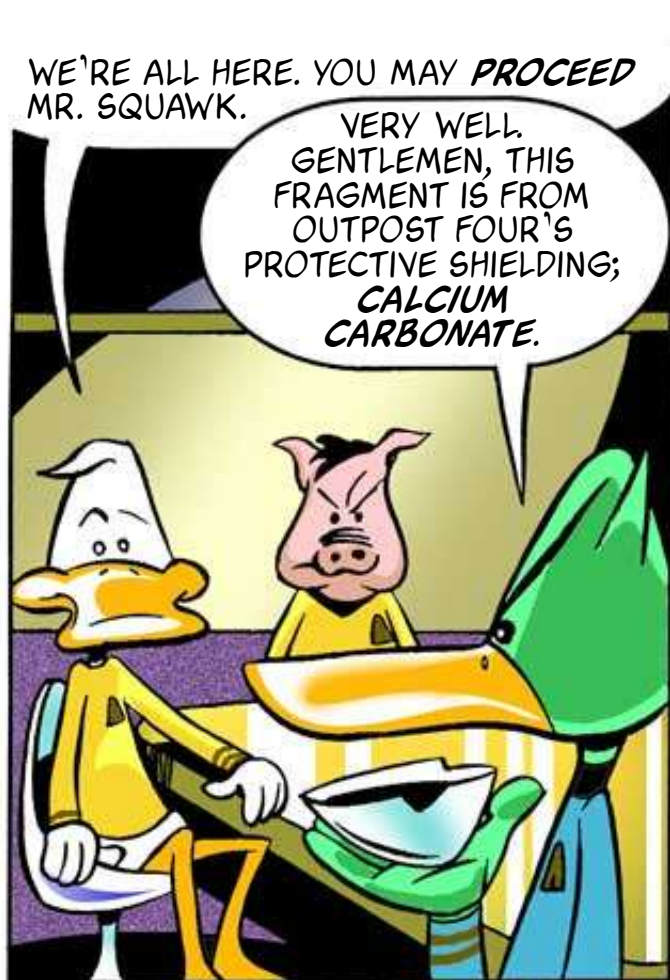
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BALANCE OF ERROR









AND RISK A GALACTIC *FOOD FIGHT*? DO YOU REALLY WANT THAT ON YOUR *CONSCIENCE*?

LET'S JUST *IGNORE* THESE LOONIES! RETALIATION ISN'T *NECESSARY*!

ON THE *CONTRARY*, DR. DeCOY, IT IS NOT ONLY *NECESSARY*, IT IS *IMPERATIVE*!

MY HOME PLANET *SULKIN'* HAD ITS *OWN* ILLOGICAL PERIOD.. A CRAZED, LUNATIC, *DAFFY* TIME, EVEN BY *URTH* STANDARDS.

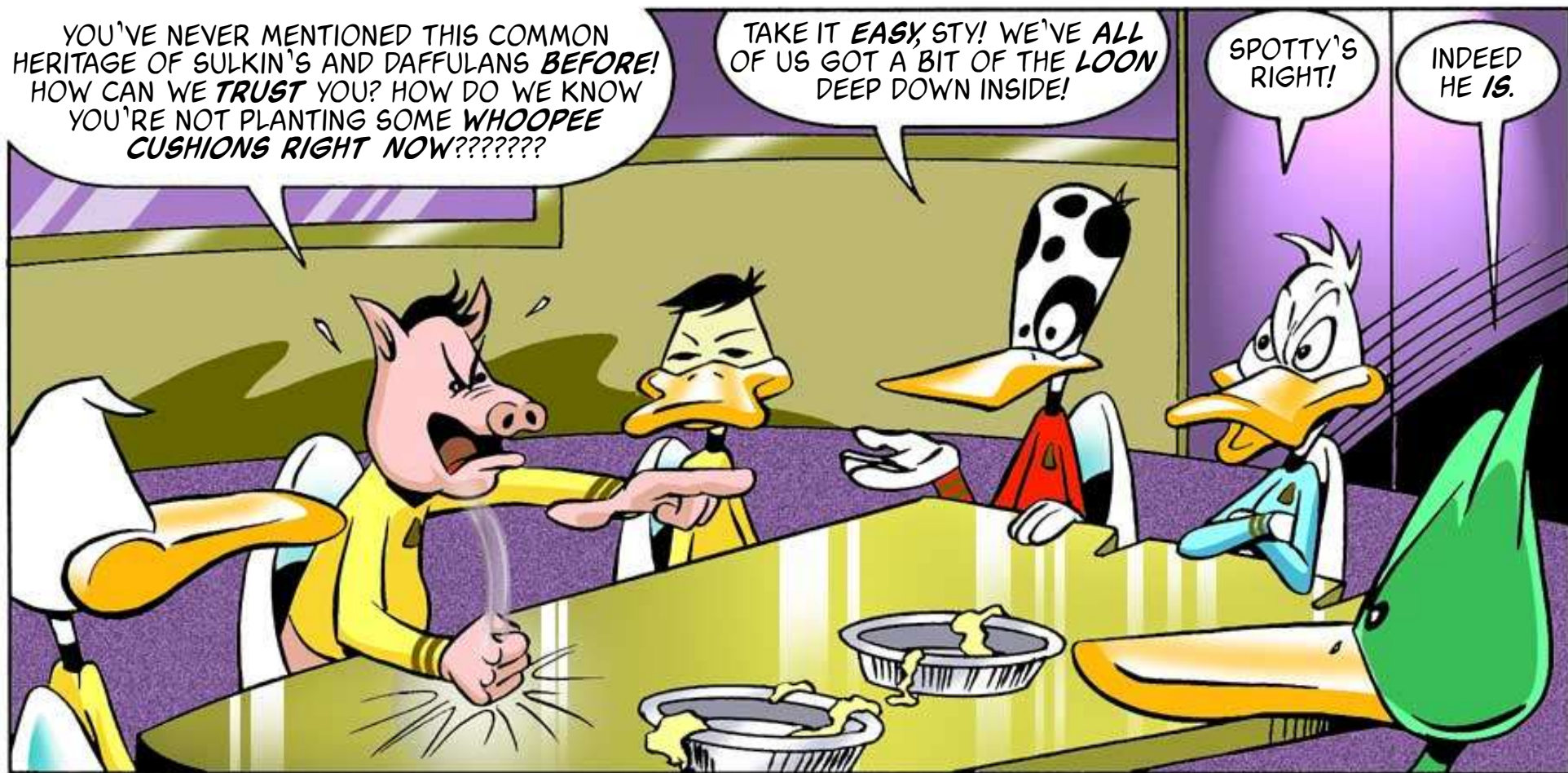
"FINALLY, WE LEARNED TO SUPPRESS OUR INHERENT DAFFINESS WITH *LOGIC*."

IF THE *DAFFULANS* ARE AN OFFSHOOT OF MY *SULKIN'* BLOOD AS I SUSPECT, THEN THEY THRIVE ON *ATTENTION*. WE DARE NOT *IGNORE* THEM OR THEY WILL CONTINUE WITH EVER *ESCALATING* SHENANIGANS UNTIL WE TAKE *NOTICE*!

IT BEGINS WITH *PIES*, MOVES ON TO *WATER BUCKETS* POISED OVER DOORS, AND FINALLY *CULMINATES* IN....

SHORT-SHEETING!

NO!



YOU'VE NEVER MENTIONED THIS COMMON HERITAGE OF SULKIN'S AND DAFFULANS **BEFORE!** HOW CAN WE **TRUST** YOU? HOW DO WE KNOW YOU'RE NOT PLANTING SOME **WHOOPEE CUSHIONS** RIGHT NOW???????

TAKE IT **EASY**, STY! WE'VE **ALL** OF US GOT A BIT OF THE **LOON** DEEP DOWN INSIDE!

SPOTTY'S RIGHT!

INDEED HE **IS**.



HAVE YOU NEVER **FELT IT**, LT. STY? THE CURIOUS URGE TO THROW **WATER BALLOONS**, MISUSE **SHAVING CREAM**, DROP **ANVILS**...

THE BIZARRE INNER COMPULSION TO MAKE A RABBIT'S LIFE **MISERABLE**?

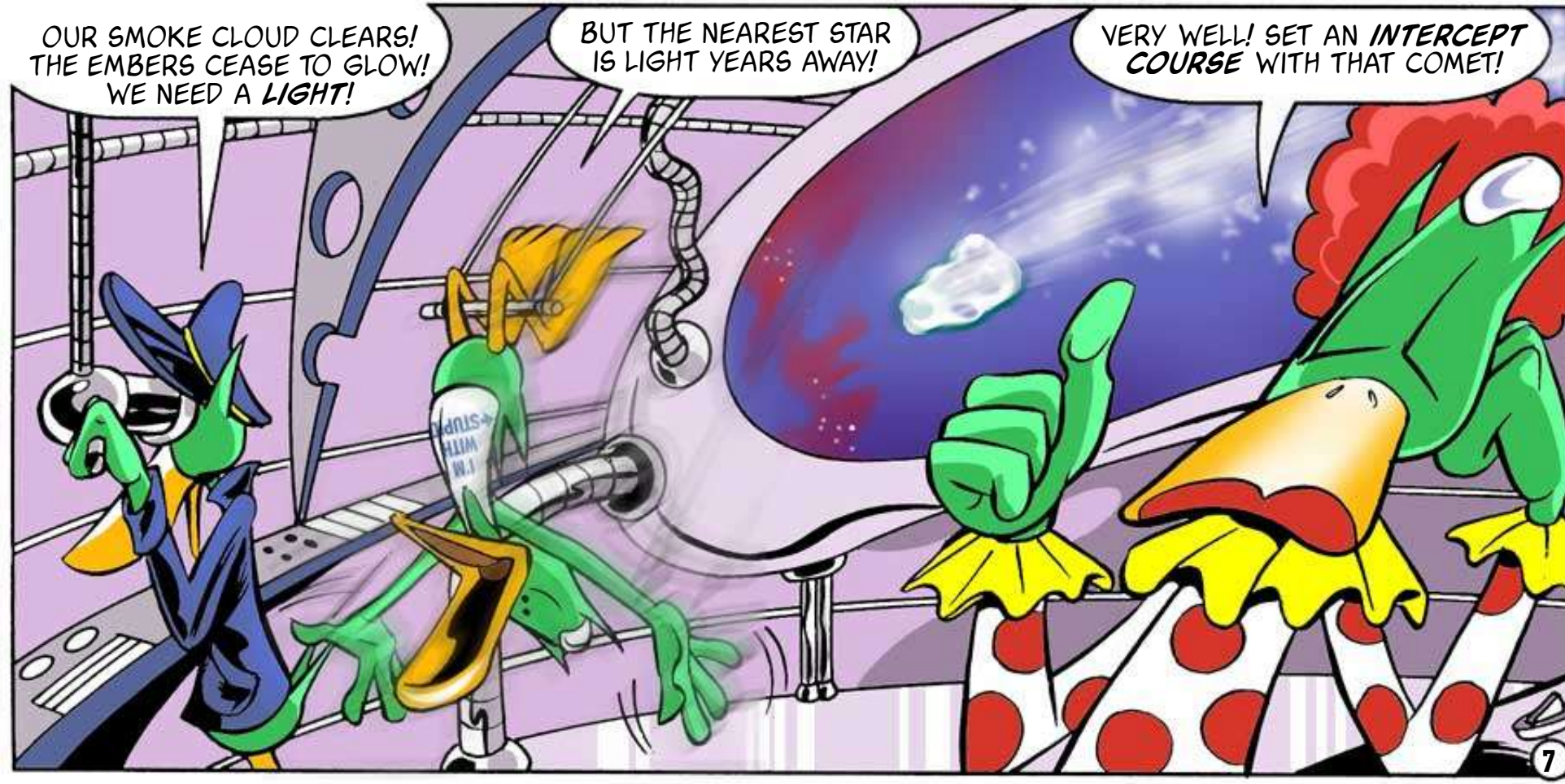


GENTLEMEN, WE'RE OFF THE SUBJECT. ACCORDING TO SQUAWK, **IGNORING** THE DAFFULANS WILL ONLY LEAD TO FURTHER ATROCITIES. **COUNTER-ATTACK** APPEARS TO BE OUR ONLY CHOICE.

ALL WE NEED IS THE RIGHT **OPPORTUNITY**...



COMMANDER!



OUR SMOKE CLOUD CLEARS! THE EMBERS CEASE TO GLOW! WE NEED A **LIGHT**!

BUT THE NEAREST STAR IS LIGHT YEARS AWAY!

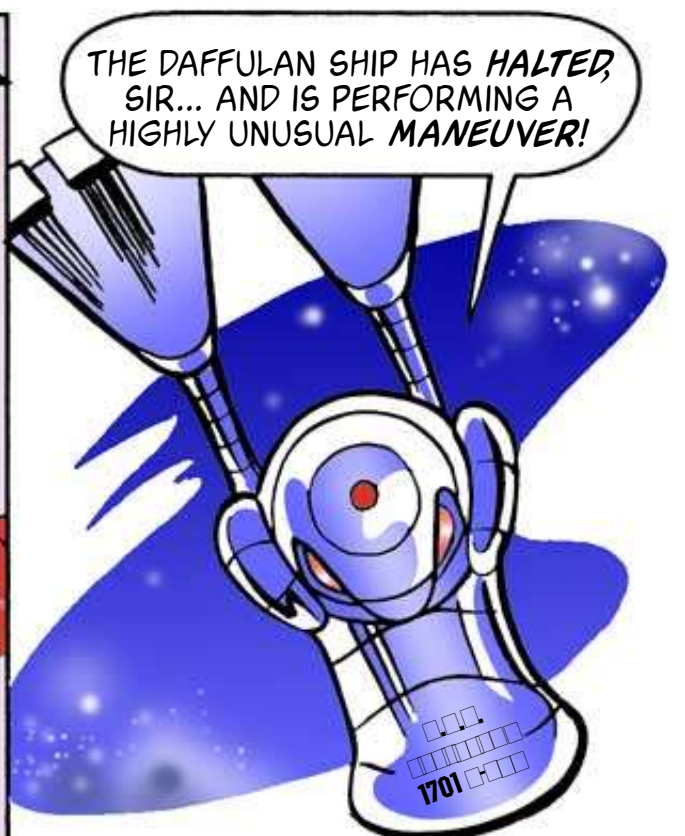
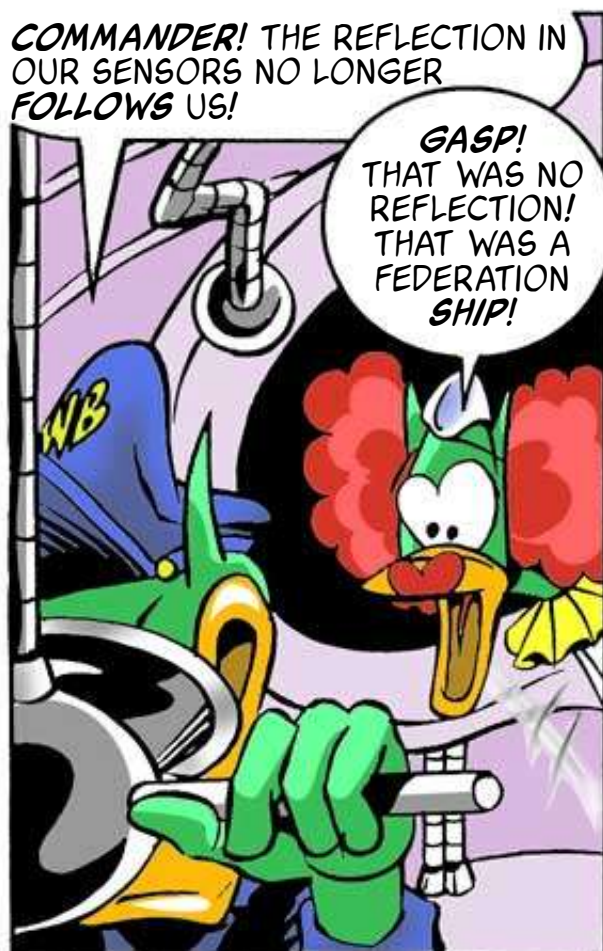
VERY WELL! SET AN **INTERCEPT COURSE** WITH THAT COMET!

BUT SIRE!
COMETS ARE MADE
MOSTLY OF ICE!

I'M AWARE
OF THAT, RUBE!
BUT WHAT DO YOU
GET WHEN YOU
COMBINE ICE
WITH HEAT?

STEAM! OF COURSE!
STEAM WILL OBSCURE US
AS WELL AS SMOKE!

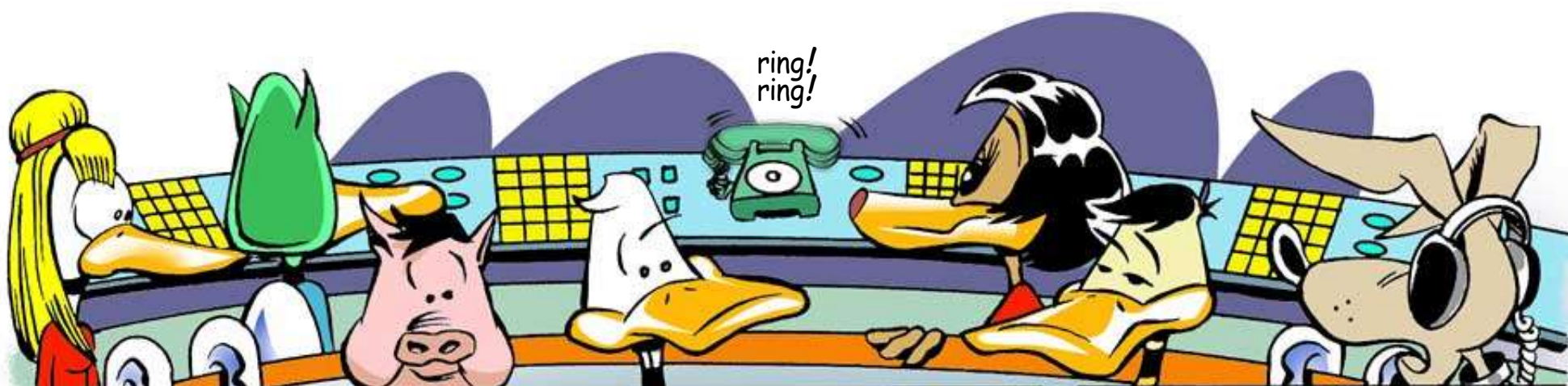
YOU ARE TRULY
BRILLIANT, COMMANDER!





MUHUWAHAHAHAHAHAHAHA FIRE!!!





STRANGE. THERE SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN NO *EFFECT!*

LT. IHEARYA! WHO IS IT?

IT'S A MESSAGE, SIR, FOR AMANDA LOVE...

AMANDA LOVE?

I'VE SEARCHED THROUGH OUR PERSONNEL RECORDS BUT I CAN'T FIND AMANDA LOVE!

MAYBE YOU SHOULD GET OUT MORE!!!
HAWW!
HAWW!

SORRY, CAPTAIN... I...DON'T KNOW WHAT CAME OVER ME!

I DO! IT'S DAFFYGAS!

PUT YOUR MASKS ON!!

PLACE THEM ON YOUR *OWN* FACE FIRST, THEN THAT OF YOUR CHILD!



SPOTTY! WE NEED TO FUMIGATE THE BRIDGE!

AYE, SIR!

TEE HEE HEE HEE!

CAPTAIN, IT APPEARS THAT THE *ENTIRE SHIP* IS AFFECTED. MR. SPOT IS NOT *RESPONSIBLE* FOR HIS ACTIONS.

I WILL BEGIN MANUAL FUMIGATION.

THIS IS *RIDICULOUS!* WE'VE GOT TO *DO* SOMETHING!

SQUAWK! HOW DID YOU *SULKIN'S* CONQUER YOUR SENSE OF HUMOR? WHAT TOOK ALL THE *FUN* OUT OF YOU?

ALGORITHMS.

ALGORITHMS?

SPECIFICALLY *THESE...*

EXCELLENT IDEA, SQUAWK!

ARCHIVES! THIS IS URGENT! BEGIN TRANSMITTING THE FOLLOWING ALGORITHMS TO ENEMY SHIP..

RECEIVING TRANSMISSION COMMANDER.

HYUK! HYUK! HYUK! PUT IT ON SCREEN!

I'm very familiar with the importance of dairy farming in Wisconsin. I've spent the night on a dairy farm here in Wisconsin. If I'm entrusted with the presidency, you'll have someone who is very familiar with what the Wisconsin dairy industry is all about.

WHAT?? NO!!! RAISE THE URTH VESSEL!!!

The theories - the ideas she expressed about blah, blah, blah

HEY!!! WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA?? THIS GUY'S NO FUN AT ALL!!!

blah, blah, blah results within legislative bodies and with - outcomes by decisions made by legislative bodies, ideas

related to proportional voting as a general blah, blah, blah

CAN'T.... STAY.... AWAKE....

blah, blah, blah remedy, in particular cases where the circumstances make that a feasible idea.

I didn't realize I was in a Buddhist Temple.

ZZZZZZZ
ZZZZZZZ
ZZZZZZZ!

SIR, THE DAFFULAN CREW IS COMPLETELY ASLEEP.

SPLENDID! HAVE SPOTTY TRANSPORT OVER WARM GLASSES OF WATER POSITIONED THUSLY ON EACH OF THE CREW! I'LL BE IN SICKBAY!



SO, MR. STY,
YOU SEEM TO
BE DOING
RATHER
WELL....

I'D BE A
SQUEALING NUT
IF MR. SQUAWK
HADN'T PULLED
ME AWAY FROM
THAT VENT FULL
OF DAFFYGAS
IN TIME!



HE'S SUCH
A DEAR!

HMM.... NOT SO
SURE YOU WERE
IN TIME, SQUAWK!

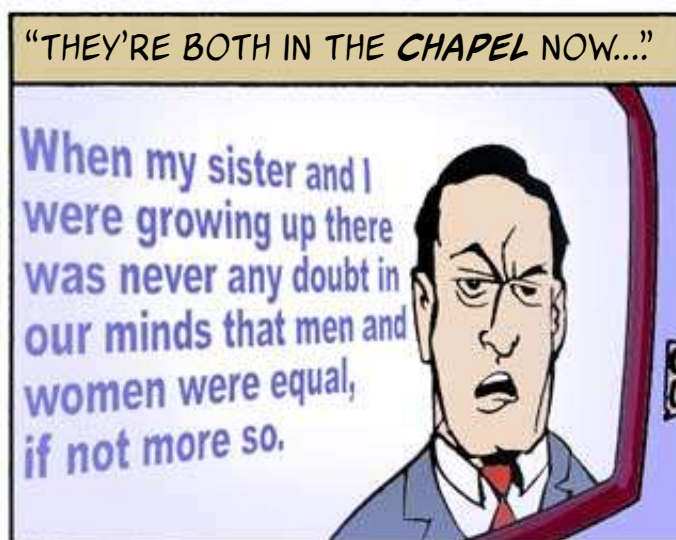
SMACK!

HOW MANY
DID WE LOSE
WINGS?



JUST ONE....TOM TURKEY...
THE KID GETTING MARRIED
TODAY...

HE WAS WORKING
IN THE ARCHIVES...
GOT TOO GOOD OF
A LOOK AT THE
ANCIENT BROADCASTS...



"THEY'RE BOTH IN THE CHAPEL NOW..."

When my sister and I
were growing up there
was never any doubt in
our minds that men and
women were equal,
if not more so.



D....Duh....
Duh....

ANGELA...
I'M SO SORRY...



I was watching
the Chicago
Bulls the other
night. I tell you
that Michael
Jackson is
unbelievable,
isn't he?
He's just
unbelievable...

I HAVE...
BRAIN OF...
THREE YEAR
OLD..

YOU BOTH HAVE TO KNOW...
THERE WAS A REASON...

I'M
ALL RIGHT,
SIR...

VERY WELL, THEN...
CARRY ON...



!!!!!!
SAY!

WHAT'S THAT SMELL?

**SARDINES IN
THE ENGINE!**

SPOTTY!!!

**WAK! WAK! WAK!
WAK! WAK!**

THE
END



Frequently Asked Questions About Star Quack

December 4th, 2001

Last issue I answered only one question, "How Did Star Quack Come To Be?" with a very long answer. This issue I plan to cover more ground, so here we go!

2. How Is Star Quack Produced?

At first, the old fashioned way! I draw Star Quack by hand and ink it with the typical cartoonist's #2 Windsor Newton Round brush. After inking, the artwork is scanned into my Apple G4 and colored in Adobe Photoshop. This unlettered artwork is then optimized into a jpeg file and brought into Macromedia Freehand, where I add the lettering. This lettering is created with a computer font made from my own cartoon handwriting. After this, I export the page as a PDF file with embedded fonts so that you can read clear, sharp text on your computer monitor no matter how much you zoom in on the artwork!

3. How Do You Do The Covers?

The covers are handpainted in egg tempera on glass at about 3' x 5'.....NOT! Seriously, I am using a 3D animation/modeling program called Lightwave to do the covers. Lightwave is now officially the most commonly used 3D software in Hollywood. It is used for animated series like Max Steel, as well as special effects for live action series. In fact, Lightwave is now used instead of miniatures by some science fiction show called Star...Quest or Star...Track or something. I can't remember now. Lightwave is a fantastic program and I hope to do more than just illustrations with it someday. Even though I've built many Star Quack models with it, I can't really animate them until I get a handle on creating facial morphs and skeletons and etc. But I'm hoping that day will come!

4. Are All Star Quack Stories Direct Parodies of Star Trek Episodes?

Nope! So far, only half the stories are based on actual episodes. These are the ones bearing the tagline, "A Star Quack Classic; A Tale Which Should Seem Vaguely Familiar...". They have been appearing in the second half of the book. Originally, these parodies were the easier stories to write, but now that I've been producing for awhile, I'm finding my own stories to be easier as I have fewer plot constraints.

5. What is Tick Tock Entertainment?

Tick Tock Comics and Tick Tock Entertainment is simply me and whatever creative projects I produce for public consumption.

6. What's In Store For Star Quack?

More issues, appearing at least quarterly! I have some full length issue stories coming up, both "classic" parodies and all-original. I also hope to create at least one story completely in 3D in Lightwave. No promises on when that issue will appear, though. The advance work on that is pretty significant. My dream is to complete at least 8 issues of Star Quack and then look into printing them as a trade paperback. Whether or not that would be in color is something I don't know. A printed version could be as much as two years in the future, so for the time being, Star Quack is only available online at Unbound Comics.

7. Where Can I Get More Info On Star Quack?

I am developing a web site, <http://www.starquack.com>, which contains some behind-the-scenes info and artwork on Star Quack, as well as some experiments with Lightwave animation and illustration. There are some printable images as well, mostly of the covers. The site is definitely a work-in-progress, so check it out from time to time. Also, here are some links to an article on Star Quack as well as two on Unbound Comics in general;

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Well, that wraps up all the F.A.Q.s that I can anticipate! From now on, *you* will have to ask the questions! Please do and lets get some dialogue rolling on sci-fi, comics and whatever else Star Quack motivates you to discuss. Hope to hear from you soon!

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